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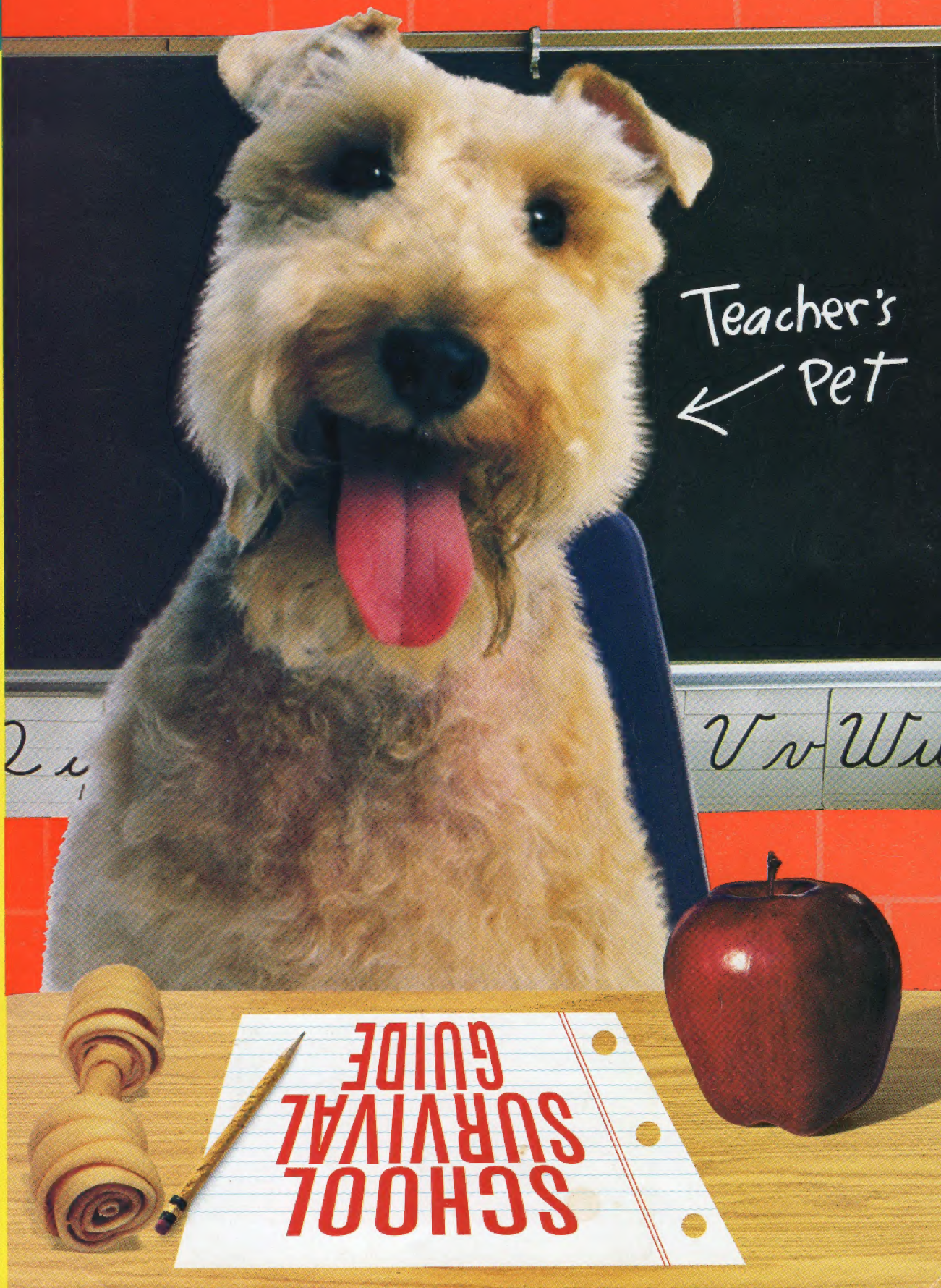
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**Addams
Family**
INTERVIEW

LAST-DITCH
*Halloween
Costumes*

BONUS
Hall Pass

**Plus:
WE HAVE
COOTIES**



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Wherever you see this **R** it means the story is based on fact.

IT IS REAL. We didn't make it up.

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Ice-Breaker Quiz

Guess which stories these pictures are from. Then try to find them inside.

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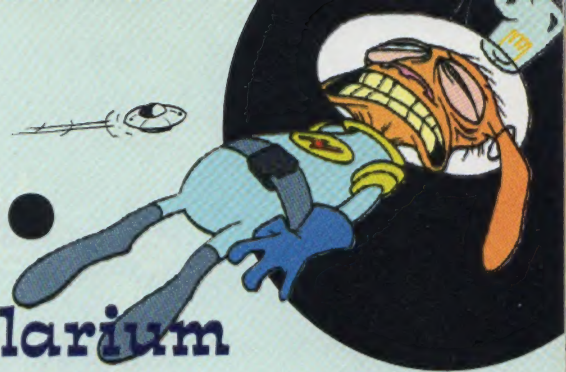
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JUST CAN'T GET THAT
CRUNCH!
OUTTA YOUR HEAD!



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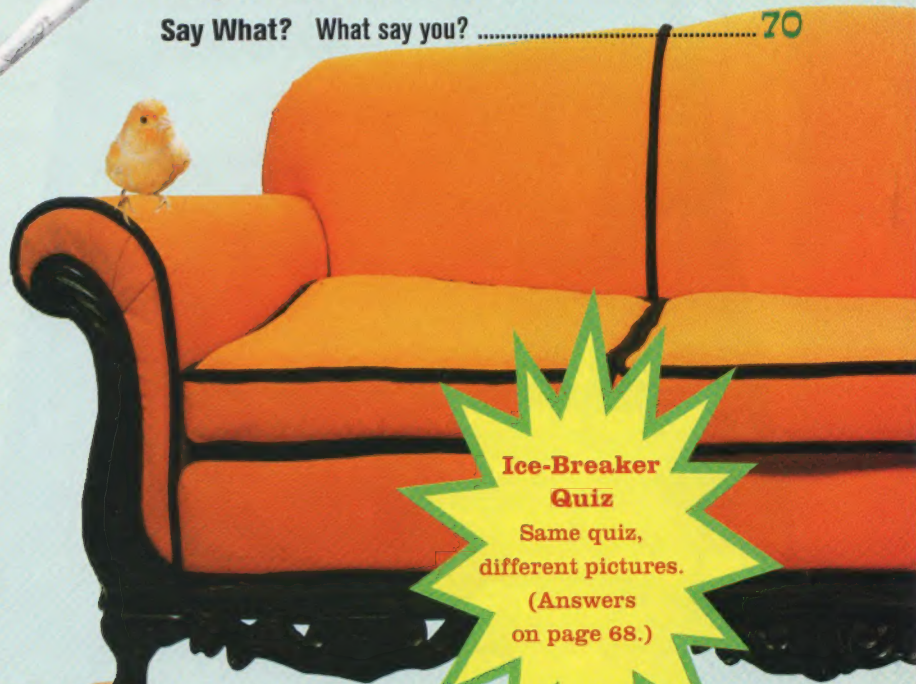
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**Ice-Breaker
Quiz**
Same quiz,
different pictures.
(Answers
on page 68.)



ASK THE BOSS LADY

Where kids ask
the president of
Nickelodeon,
Geraldine B.
Laybourne,
anything they
want.



**How did
Nickelodeon
get its name?**

For years I thought Nickelodeon got its name the way we usually make decisions around here — by asking kids. I was shocked to find out that an advertising agency actually named it. I couldn't decide if I should confess this sad fact to you, but I figured if we're going to trust each other, you should know the truth.

**Did your parents let
you watch a lot of TV
when you were a kid?**

My mother was a radio soap opera actress and writer and loved TV. If someone on the TV would

say "Hello out there in TV land," she would say "hello" back. Since the TV talked to my mother, I figured it could talk to me. So I dressed up just like the TV cowboy Hopalong Cassidy and sat in front of the set smiling and waiting for it to notice me. My mother did have an annoying habit, though. She would turn off the show just before the end and make me sit down and write my own ending. Pretty mean, huh?

**What do you say to
adults who accuse
Nickelodeon of giv-
ing kids what they
want?**

I say "thank you."

Is this the latest
line of Nickelodeon
action figures?

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WHATEVER WE WANT PAGE

Welcome to the second issue of
NICKELODEON MAGAZINE!



Meet Janet Muldoon.

That's *Officer Muldoon* to you, pal. She's in charge of Standards and Practices for Nickelodeon. That means she tells us if anything we write or draw is too gross or too mean or too anything. For this issue, we gave her another assignment: Director of Page-Number Traffic. Look both ways before turning pages.

We're still accepting contributions for our refrigerator. The life-size door sits in our office, just waiting to be adorned with your drawings, pictures, math tests, and other doodads. We'll print them in a future issue. Send your stuff to **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE Refrigerator**, 1515 Broadway, 50th floor, New York, NY 10036. Sorry, but we can't return what you send in. We're kleptomaniacs.

YOU DISGUST US!



Our first Quease-Off was a success. We asked you to send in gross milk shake recipes for our daring food critic. Unfortunately for her, you did.

We'll pick one recipe for the critic when she decides to return our phone calls. In the meantime, here are some of your suggestions. (The ingredients you mentioned most often are at the top, the rarer ones, at the bottom.)



I don't know what's so bad about this stuff—haven't they read the ingredients in dog food?

SEE THAT QUESTION TO THE BOSS LADY ABOUT HOW NICKELODEON GOT ITS NAME? (It's over there on the left.) It got us wondering about the names that didn't make it. We couldn't find the original finalists, so we made up our own.

Nickelodeo
Nickelodeous
Oleoleous
Gammaglobulin
Getaloadofit
Knucklehead
Knockwurst
Pickletoad
Home Glopping Network
Bob
Empty-V
Sea Slime
Fudgie the Network



YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE JUST HIT TOWN ON GENESIS!

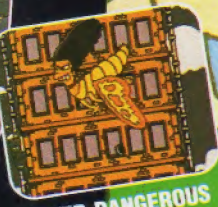
Bart's in deep, deep trouble! To find his homework, he has to outwit the bazooka-firing Itchy and Scratchy, battle the mighty Homer Kong, escape the dreaded Momthra, and more! Help him if you dare... but hurry! The fire-breathing, laser-firing Bartzilla is coming...and this dream has nightmare written all over it!!!



GREAT BALLS OF FIRE



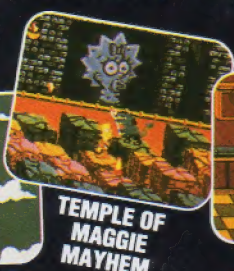
BARTMAN TO THE RESCUE



EVER-DANGEROUS MOMTHRA



WHY YOU LITTLE...



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ITCHY AND SCRATCHY HIJINX



GASP!
ALSO LOOK FOR
BART VS. THE WORLD
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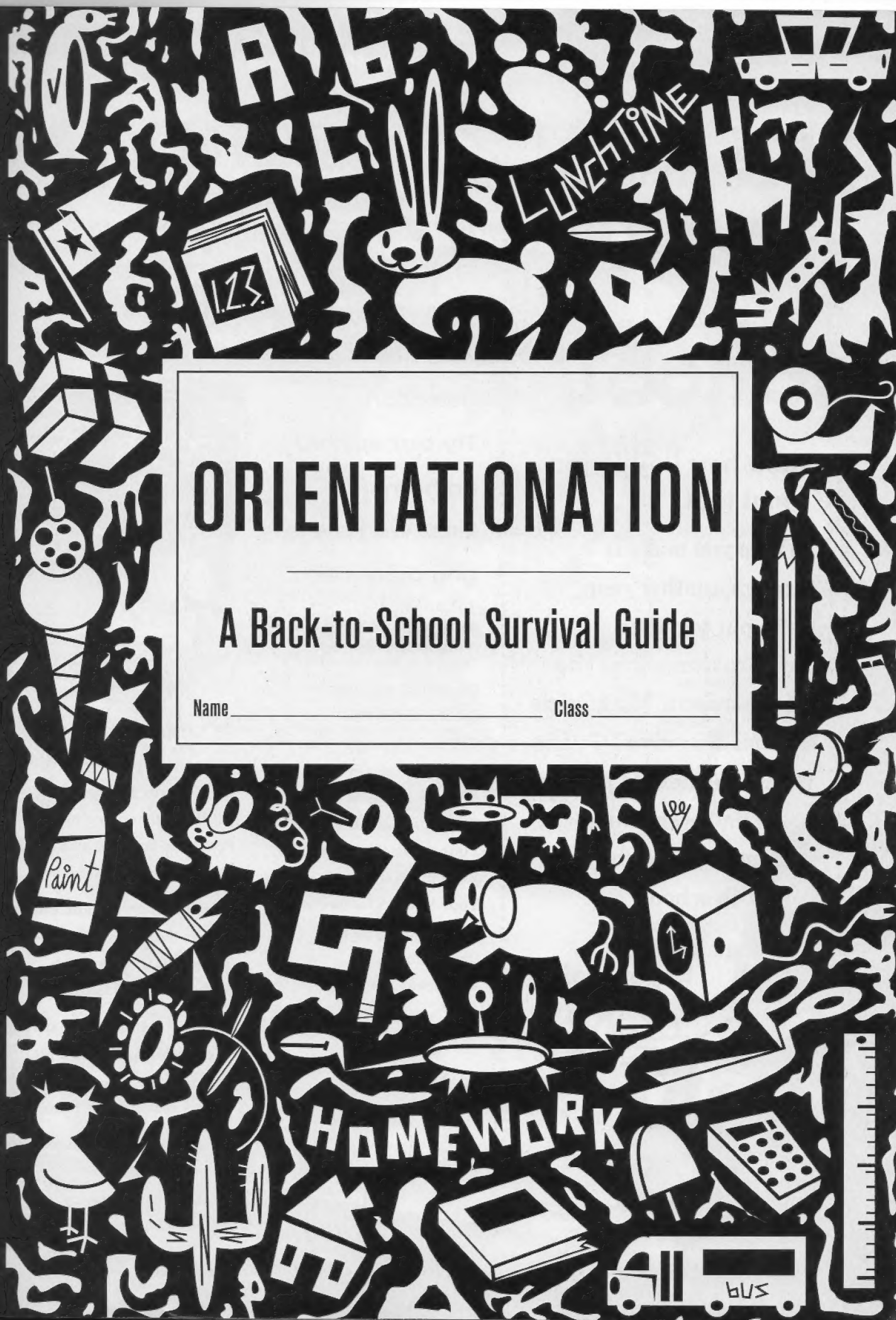
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MATT
GROENING

A Back-to-School Survival Guide

Name _____ Class _____



It's time to go back to school.

We know how **happy** you
are about that.

To help you make it
through another year,
we've put together
**Orientationation, the
Nickelodeon Magazine
School Survival Guide.**

Within the next 14 pages,
you'll find everything
you need to help you
deal with school.

**But keep it
to yourself.**



Can you find all 39 pictures hidden in our Orientationation cover? Answers on page 68.

TRULY

ANNOYING SCHOOL SONGS

Too often, school songs have nothing
to do with reality—they describe a world
of happy students and kindly teachers
who never give
detention.

Try **our** spirited
anthems. At
least **we** have a
grip on reality.

OH, SCHOOL OF MINE
(Sung to the tune of
"America, The Beautiful")

Oh, school of mine,
School not so fine,
The place that gives me pain.
For puke-green walls,
And dreary halls,
That make us all insane.
Your stairs they creak,
Your pipes they leak,
Your toilets overflow.
This school, you see,
It's not for me,
When will I be let go?



OH, SAY CAN YOU SPOT
(Sung to the tune of
"The Star-Spangled Banner")

Oh, say can you spot
All the teachers we've got?
From the brilliant and bright
To the ones who are losers.
Whose bad breath and long tests
We are forced to endure.
For the quizzes we take
We so often are failing.
Those who think they are hip,
Those who spit quite a bit,
The ones with no clue
Whose retirement's due.
Oh say, why do brain-mangled
Teachers still slave
To create such misery,
And to make us behave?

I wonder what happens when they find out I made that puddle.

Use this excuse note when you want a day off
and your parents won't cooperate.

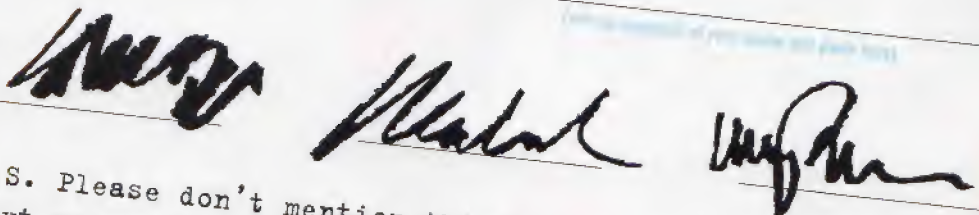
The Perfect Excuse

By Patty Marx


Dear Mrs./Mr./Ms. _____,

Please excuse _____ from school for
the next _____ days. A _____ bit him/her
on the _____ and now he/she has a _____ the
size of a _____. His/her temperature is _____, and
he/she can't stop _____. The doctor says
his/her recovery will be much faster if you give him/her
a _____ on the next test as well as lots of _____.
_____ will really miss your teaching!

Sincerely,


P.S. Please don't mention this when you see me at the
next parent-teacher conference. Also, don't call,
because our telephone is broken.



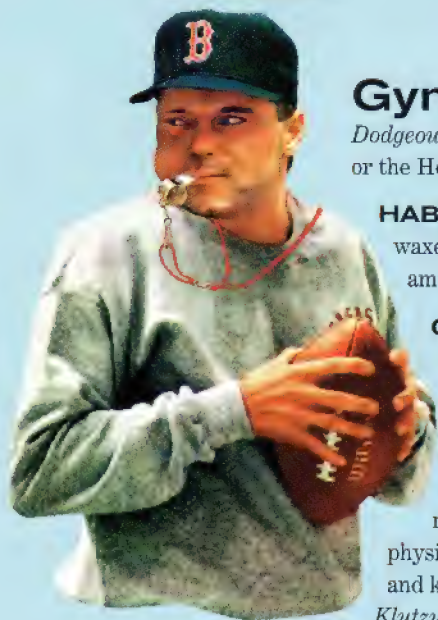


A FIELD GUIDE^{TO} NORTH AMERICAN TEACHERS

A new school year means a new flock of teachers to get used to. And just as there are many types of birds, there are many types of teachers. This guide will help you spot and identify them.



Can we also recognise them by their droppings?



Gym Teacher

Dodgeous ballicus, also called the Squatting Grunter or the Hooping Grouse.

HABITAT: Thrives in enormous rooms with shiny waxed floors; also dim, stinky areas where it nests amidst dirty towels and rusty lockers.

CALL: "Give me twenty laps, mister!"

IDENTIFYING FEATURE:

A shrill whistle.

The *Dodgeous ballicus* is a large, sweaty specimen with a distinctive paunch. Surly in nature, it places an undue emphasis on physical agility. Its temper is highly intimidating and keeps others at bay while it feeds on the *Klutzus moribundus*, a weak, tiny creature. Often spotted inflating footballs.

Science Teacher

Froggus dissectae, also known as The Spotted Beaker.

HABITAT: Found in a forest of test tubes and bunsen burners.

CALL: "Take one and pass the rest back."

IDENTIFYING FEATURES: Lab coat and goggled eyes.

The *Froggus dissectae* thrives on mealworms and freshly gathered data. It also emits a distinctive chemical odor and is a natural enemy of the frog. In youth, it is prone to sprouting lima beans and in maturity may exhibit a strong interest in the periodic table.





History Teacher

Obscura factum, also known as the Red, White and Blue Bufflehead.

HABITAT: Can be sighted wandering happily among thickets of timelines and old dioramas.

CALL: "Describe in 200 words or less."

IDENTIFYING FEATURES: *National Geographic* subscription, dusty textbook collection.

The *Obscura factum* is dull and chalky in appearance, with a natural tendency to compare and contrast. However, its memory is well-known, even legendary. It has a fondness for encyclopedias. A skillful feeder, it is often observed plucking useless dates out of thin air.



Math Teacher

Calculus abacus, also known as the Sliding Ruler.

HABITAT: Nests in square roots.

CALL: "Keep your eye on your own paper."

IDENTIFYING FEATURE: Compass.

The *Calculus abacus* is a precise character whose complicated calculations conceal a simple fondness for right angles. A loner, this specimen is comfortable with long division. It thrives on creatures who do not pay attention. It will travel many miles for a slice of pi.



Art Teacher

Smockus crayolae, also known as the Clay Pigeon or the Speckled Canvasback.

HABITAT: Seen in the brush, where it builds its paint-splattered nest from Popsicle sticks and construction paper.

CALL: "Stay within the lines!"

IDENTIFYING FEATURE: Colorful smudges on face and body.

A fine example of specialization, the *Smockus crayolae* delights in endlessly repeating a number of simple tasks such as sponge painting and collage. It preys on stick figures. It is currently extinct in some areas due to budget cutbacks. (A related species, the Music Teacher, is also endangered.)

English Teacher

Verbosio correctus, also known as Parser's Warbler.

HABITAT: Favors libraries and quiet, secluded corners where it surrounds itself with similes and metaphors.

CALL: "I before E except after C."

IDENTIFYING FEATURES: Red dictionary, glasses on chain.

The *Verbosio correctus* is a slight but often regal specimen that is quiet by nature. Still, it places the highest value on proper communication and spelling. It is happiest when looking for antonyms and synonyms.



How You Spent Your Summer

Impress Your Teachers! Amaze Your Friends!

"What did you do over the summer?"

It's the first question you hear when you return to school. As if you were supposed to have patched the ozone layer in two months. But there's a way to answer that question and feel important. Learn the art of **embellishment**. Embellishment makes the boring sound impressive, the impressive sound awesome.

See if it comes naturally to you. Match the numbered activity below with the embellished version at right.



2. Ate a lot of ice cream



5. Watched ice cubes melt on the sidewalk



8. Snoozed on the couch in air-conditioned family room



EXAMPLE:

You could say that you spent the summer

"laying in the backyard staring at ants."

Or, you could embellish it and say, "I organized a field trip to gather crucial entomological data."



A. Studied the effects of plumbing and man-made water delivery on growth rate of local ground cover.

B. Tested Galileo's laws concerning bodies in motion as well as Newton's law of gravity.

C. Conducted a study on the effects of various sunscreen protection products on epidermal coloration.

D. Sought to understand the effects of cold climates on human sleep rhythms and dream patterns.

E. Conducted top-secret navel search-and-destroy reconnaissance.

F. Worked as independent consultant to the American dairy industry.

G. Undertook intensive program to develop eye-hand coordination.

H. Investigated solar power's effect on solid bodies.

I. Observed the links between ocean currents and beach erosion as well as their impact on continental drift.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 68.



I water the lawn, but you don't see me making a big deal out of it.





FREE NOTEBOOK TABS

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HANGMAN

LOVE LETTERS

TIC-TAC-TOE

NOTES-RECEIVED

INVASION PLANS

HOMEWORK-TO BE LOST

TESTS FOR SALE

NOTES-TO BE PASSED

DOODLES

HOMEWORK-TO BE EATEN BY DOG

MY SCREENPLAY

MEMOIRS: THE EARLY YEARS

RECIPES

MISC. MISCELLANY

USELESS PAPER

COOTIE CATCHERS

BASKET-WEAVING 101

PAPER AIRPLANES

RULES TO BE BROKEN

BAD POETRY

PARENTAL SIGNATURES

INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE

THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

UFO THEORIES

ELVIS SIGHTINGS

LIMERICKS

"MOMMY! MOMMY!" JOKES

COMIC BOOKS

OLD SANDWICHES

THIRD-QUARTER PROFITS

PHONE PRANKS

GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEMES

Webster "Funky" Wagnall's House of Random Words



Nothing ruins your day quite like a vocabulary quiz.
Why not spread the misery and ruin your teacher's day
by giving him or her this little quiz?

WORD: **Fard**

Which of the following definitions is the right one?

- a. the distance a gaseous cloud travels before it disperses. **Example:** "Methane has been known to have a *fard* of ten feet."
- b. an insignificant amount of money. **Example:** "Why, I wouldn't give you one *fard* for that piece of junk."
- c. to paint the face with cosmetics. **Example:** "My mother spends an hour *farding* in the mirror each morning."

Answer on page 68.

Who farded?



Useful Japanese Phrases

Impress your language teacher with your
fine grasp of Japanese!

By Howard Tomb

1 What's shakin', dude?

Chikagoro, dou shite iru no?

Chee-KAH-goh-roh DOSH-tay Ee-roo noh?

2 My name is Godzilla.

Bokuno namae wa Gojira dayo.

BOH-koo-no NAH-mah-AY wah go-JEE-rah da-YOH.

3 It seems I have lost my pajamas.

Boku wa pajama wo nakushita mitai da.

BOH-koo wah PAH-jah-mah woh nah-KOOSH-tah mee-TIE dah.



*My name is Godzilla.



SCHOOL NURSES



Nurse Jo Ann Beissner



Maverick
Elementary School;
San Antonio, Texas

Nurse Robert Mehl



Baltimore County Public Schools;
Hampstead, Maryland

Clinic Aid Margit Hanna



Fairhill Elementary School; Fairfax, Virginia

Nurse Karen Sedlacek



Anchorage School
District; Anchorage,
Alaska

Nurse Melinda Garrison



Tulare County
Office of Education;
Visalia, California

Nurse Carolyn Martin



North Tama County Community Schools; Traer, Iowa

Nurse Mary Jane Johnson



Olympia School
District; Olympia,
Washington

Nurse Iris Kessler



The Dalton School; New York, New York





SPILL THEIR GUTS!

They've listened to you moan and groan. Now it's your turn to listen to *them*. You'll discover what they really think about you and your fake illnesses, among other things. **ROBIN SAYERS** checked up on eight school nurses.

Nick Mag: What's the highest fake temperature you ever saw?

Nurse Johnson: 105°. She [a student] put the thermometer on the heater when I left the clinic for a minute.

Nurse Garrison: One boy broke my thermometer. He put it under hot water, and the mercury never came down.

Nurse Mehl: 108.9°. When I saw it, I said, "You must be dead."

NM: How do you know someone's faking sick?

Nurse Garrison: It's hard to fake genuine illness. If the eyes are too perky, I know something's up.

Nurse Beissner: The expression on their faces. If they look stressed, they're likely to be sick. But if after about 10 minutes, they're talking a lot, then I know.

NM: Why are tongue depressors so big?

Clinic Aid Hanna: The tongue is a big organ.

Nurse Kessler: They aren't. These are small, which is good for kids even if they have big tongues.

Nurse Beissner: The better to see your tonsils with, my dear.

NM: Do tongue depressors ever depress you?

Nurse Kessler: Sure they depress me.

Nurse Beissner: When they're on my tongue, certainly.

NM: Do you ever take home tongue depressors and use them in crafts?

Nurse Beissner: Doesn't everyone?

C.A. Hanna: No, but the teachers do. All the time. I have to have extra supplies of them here.

Nurse Kessler: No, but our art department does. I'm not a craft person, nor am I crafty.

NM: What's the most common injury?

Nurse Garrison: Pencil stab wounds are very common.

Nurse Martin: Scraped knees and elbows.

Nurse Sedlacek: Falling off the monkey bars.

NM: What's the most autographed cast you ever saw?

Nurse Mehl: An arm cast with 250 autographs.

NM: Do you take naps on your couch?

Nurse Beissner: No, because it's the hardest bed in the world.

Nurse Mehl: I used to, when I had a second job at night.

Nurse Johnson: No, but I feel like it sometimes.

NM: Are you sad that you never get to go on class trips?

Nurse Beissner: I am, especially when they go to the zoo.

Nurse Johnson: Yeah, because some of them look fun.

Nurse Sedlacek: I get to go. Last week, I went with the kids on a hiking trip. I blew whistles to scare off the moose and bear.

NM: What's the worst or best excuse you've ever heard?

Nurse Sedlacek: One grandmother died three times.

Nurse Martin: One boy said, "I feel queasy. I feel like I'm floating around on the ceiling."

Nurse Beissner: The worst? "I didn't eat breakfast because my brother woke me up late, and now I have a stomachache."

NM: What's the best way to remove a bandage without tearing out hair?

Nurse Kessler: There is no good way. The best is to



I like to nap under the couch.



HEY, HEY YOU!



1 has cable tv.



2 doesn't have cable tv.



3 has no idea what cable tv is.

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SCHOOL NURSES

hold the skin and remove it quickly. But it's stupid, really, because it is going to pull hairs out.

Nurse Garrison: The secret is to apply the bandage in the direction the hair grows, and then to remove it the same way.

Nurse Martin: Soak it first. Hold the skin down as you pull up on it. Fast is best. Quick and painless.

Nurse Beissner: Hold down the skin with the fingers of your left hand, and then pull up on the bandage gradually but steadily with your right hand.

C.A. Hanna: Yank it fast.

NM: Why do nurses wear white?

Nurse Johnson: School nurses don't wear white anymore. I wear street clothes with very comfortable shoes.

Nurse Garrison: It was a tradition from Florence Nightingale. I just wear street clothes with comfortable shoes.

C.A. Hanna: I wear regular clothes. I like to wear comfortable shoes.

Nurse Beissner: To give the impression of cleanliness. I wear street clothes with comfortable shoes.

NM: Do you watch General Hospital?

Nurse Beissner: Yes.

C.A. Hanna: No. But I like *Rescue 911*.

Nurse Kessler: No! And I never watch *Nurses*, either.

NM: Has anyone ever called you Hot Lips Houlihan?

Nurse Garrison: 'Nursie' is more like it.

Nurse Mehl: No, but I have been called 'hot' and 'cute.'

NM: What's that smell in the clinic?

Nurse Martin: Green soap.

C.A. Hanna: Alcohol. The secret is the alcohol.

Nurse Kessler: There is no smell. And I refuse to call it a clinic. It is Health Services. Clinic sounds like it's only for sick people. Mine is for everyone, for sick and for healthy people. So there is no smell.

NM: Which food in the cafeteria do you think is most responsible for stomachaches?

Nurse Martin: Polish sausage. That's pretty spicy.

Nurse Garrison: Actually, not many stomachaches are from the food. Most come from people's heads.

Nurse Beissner: Chicken fingers. I've just never seen a chicken with fingers.

Nurse Johnson: Pizza.

Nurse Mehl: French fries.

Nurse Sedlacek: Corn dogs.

NM: Do teachers come to you to try to get out of class?

Nurse Beissner: Of course. There are as many faking teachers as there are faking students.

THANKS SO MUCH ...



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Congratulations...



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Bon Voyage...



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... for the test answers

I thank you, friend, with all my heart
I am so grateful that you're smart.
I'm glad to have a pal like you
Who let me get a real clear view
Of all the answers that I needed
Because of you, I have succeeded
I'm lucky that you let me cheat
And for that I think you're neat.



your pimple **popped!**

Hour after hour
You spend staring in the mirror
You thought this day would never come
But now your skin is clearer.

Hooray! Hurrah! It's over
Your long and patient wait
I'm glad that zit exploded
Maybe now you'll get a date.

Yippeel Yahoo! It's busted!
That really is the best
The only thing I wonder is
What you'll do about the rest.



...you've been suspended

*The principal gave you the boot
And now you're on your way
I really hate to think of what
Your mom and dad will say.*

*But somehow it's not fair
It seems to me you're free
And while I'm in this boring class
You stay home and watch TV.*

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Farmer A would have traveled 22
miles to market.
Farmer B would have traveled 12
miles to market.

Chlorophyll is the green pigment that
gives plants their color and enables
them to carry on the process of
photosynthesis.

red + yellow = orange

1066 A.D.

$\pi = \underline{3.14}$

A loofah is a sponge.

Frankfort is the capital
of Kentucky.

No one knows why fools fall in love.

Kingdom, phylum, class, order,
family, genus, species.

Crispus Attucks was one of the first
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Sentence 'B' is the topic sentence.

Niña, Pinta, Santa Maria.

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Five of a kind beats a royal flush.

Animal Farm is an example of an
allegory.

Ionic, Doric and Corinthian.

The settlers.

The Sixties ended at Altamont.

Janet Reno is the Attorney General
of the United States.

Because I said so -
that's why.



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Rocko's Modern Life

There's a new Nicktoon in town!

by John Weiss

Rocko's Modern Life premieres this September on Nickelodeon. Rocko is a wallaby (a small type of kangaroo) with an overactive imagination, who is transplanted from Australia to imaginary O-Town, USA. He's accompanied by his faithful but simpleminded dog, Spunky. We got the inside scoop on Rocko from Joe Murray, the show's creator.



ED BIGHEAD

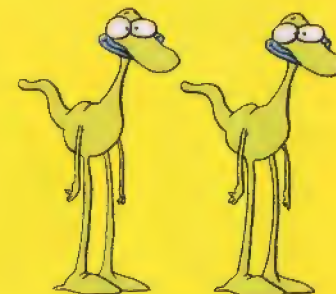
This toad is Rocko's loud, obnoxious neighbor.



BEV BIGHEAD

Married to Ed, she has a temper unmatched in O-Town. She also has a soft spot for Rocko.

THE CHAMELEON BROTHERS



Two sly chameleons who change their appearance and accent to fit any situation.

And Introducing...

Q: Where did Rocko come from?

A: I originally had a comic strip called "Zak and Travis," which had a wallaby and an older man as characters. I really liked the wallaby. When Nickelodeon asked me if I had any characters that might work well in a series, I pulled the wallaby out.

Q: What is Rocko's personality like?

A: Rocko is never content to walk away a loser. He'll get beat up and fall down, but he always gets back up again. He minds his own business, but trouble still finds him.

Q: Where did Rocko's best friend, Heffer, come from?

A: I had a good friend who was just like Heffer. He used to eat bologna sandwiches all day. He lived on them and would use huge gobs of mayonnaise. He kept an apple juice jar full of water in the fridge, which

he'd pull out and offer you, but there would always be pieces of bologna sandwiches floating around in it!

Q: What about Rocko's dog, Spunky?

A: Spunky's a taco shy of a combo-plate. He doesn't do average dog things. Where one dog might be interested in another dog, Spunky falls in love with a mop. He's a great dog who just happened to have a TV fall on his head.

Q: Did you have a dog like Spunky?

A: Yeah, her name was Tina. She was a mutt. We had this bush in front of our house with bees in it, and Tina would continuously chase the bees, trying to eat them. She would stick her head into the bush, going after the bees, and come out all swollen from stings.

Q: Did you always want to be a cartoonist?

A: I always wanted to do comic strips and political cartoons.

Q: How did you start?

A: My grandfather had this little newspaper he used to publish. When I was about 11, he asked me to draw cartoons for it, illustrating stories from the paper. I would go over on a Sunday morning and draw, like, 20 cartoons. He paid me two dollars per cartoon. I took the money and put it toward a little school paper I was publishing called "Teen Vibes," which I sold for a nickel. I would draw caricatures and comics of the teachers, and it had horoscopes. I also went around taking photos of people and asking inquiring questions like a big-time reporter.

Q: What are your favorite comic strips?

A: "The Far Side" and "Calvin and Hobbes."

Q: What is your shoe size?

A: 10 1/2 unless I'm bowling, in which case it's an 11.

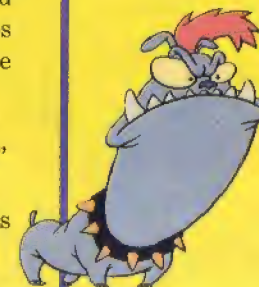


EARL THE TOUGH DOG

A recent escapee from the science lab, Earl is now the neighborhood bully.

HEFFER

Rocko's best friend. He's a steer with a never-ending appetite.



HOW TO BE AFRAID OF THE DARK

Are You Afraid of the Dark's Midnight Society will be telling an entirely new collection of ghost stories on Saturday nights this fall at 9:30 PM (EST). Start your own Midnight Society this Halloween and share some frightening tales with a group of friends.

To start a Midnight Society, you must first choose your members carefully. They should have a ghoulish imagination and a dramatic flair and look really frightening with a flashlight held under their chin. Meet monthly in a setting that is spooky, dank, and definitely dark. Unidentifiable noises and howling winds in the area are a plus.

Be ready with a story that'll send them screaming into the night. If you don't know any, try the following ideas for starters.

"A man in a black hat and coat passes in front of a mirror. He looks in the mirror, but sees no reflection...."

"18, 19, 20, 21...the numbers lit up as the elevator passed each floor. But there were only 12 floors in the building...."

"A girl returns home from school to find that her house isn't where she left it that morning, and the neighbors have no idea who she is...."

End the story in one of the following ways:

"...To this very day, people say he still roams. Sometimes, at night, you can hear him call: 'Awooooo! Awooooo!'"

"...All they found were the little red footprints, just the size of a doll's."

"...And she saw the hook hanging from the car door handle."

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Watch This!

SEPTEMBER

NICKTOON-A-THON: A six-hour marathon of *Doug*, *Rugrats*, and *The Ren and Stimpy Show* will begin at 2 PM on September 20.

A NEW NICKTOON: In case you weren't paying attention, *Rocko's Modern Life* premieres in September. It will be on Sundays at 11:30 AM, right after *Ren and Stimpy*. Check local listings for details.

NEW GAME SHOW: Look for a new game show this September. Contestants are Indiana Jones-type adventurers who must use their intelligence, physical prowess, and determination to search for things like the famous Leopard's Eye Topaz or to rescue a captive princess from a Mayan ruin. After conquering three such challenges, survivors face the Temple of the Kings. The first show appears on Saturday, September 18, at 6:30 PM.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? All new episodes of *What Would You Do?* begin airing Monday, September 13, at the regular time: weekdays at 6 PM.

OCTOBER

WELCOME FRESHMEN: A whole new collection of tales from Hawthorne High begins this month.

NICKELODEON WILD SIDE SHOW: Hissing cockroaches, flying squirrels, and Sumatran orangutans are just some of the animals you'll meet in the brand-new episodes, Saturdays at 5:30 PM.

Note: All times are for Eastern and Pacific time zones. Shows air one hour earlier in the Central time zone.



WILD SIDE



RUGRATS



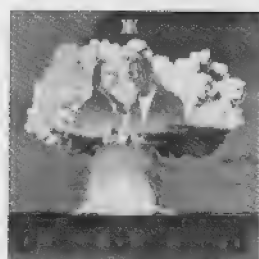
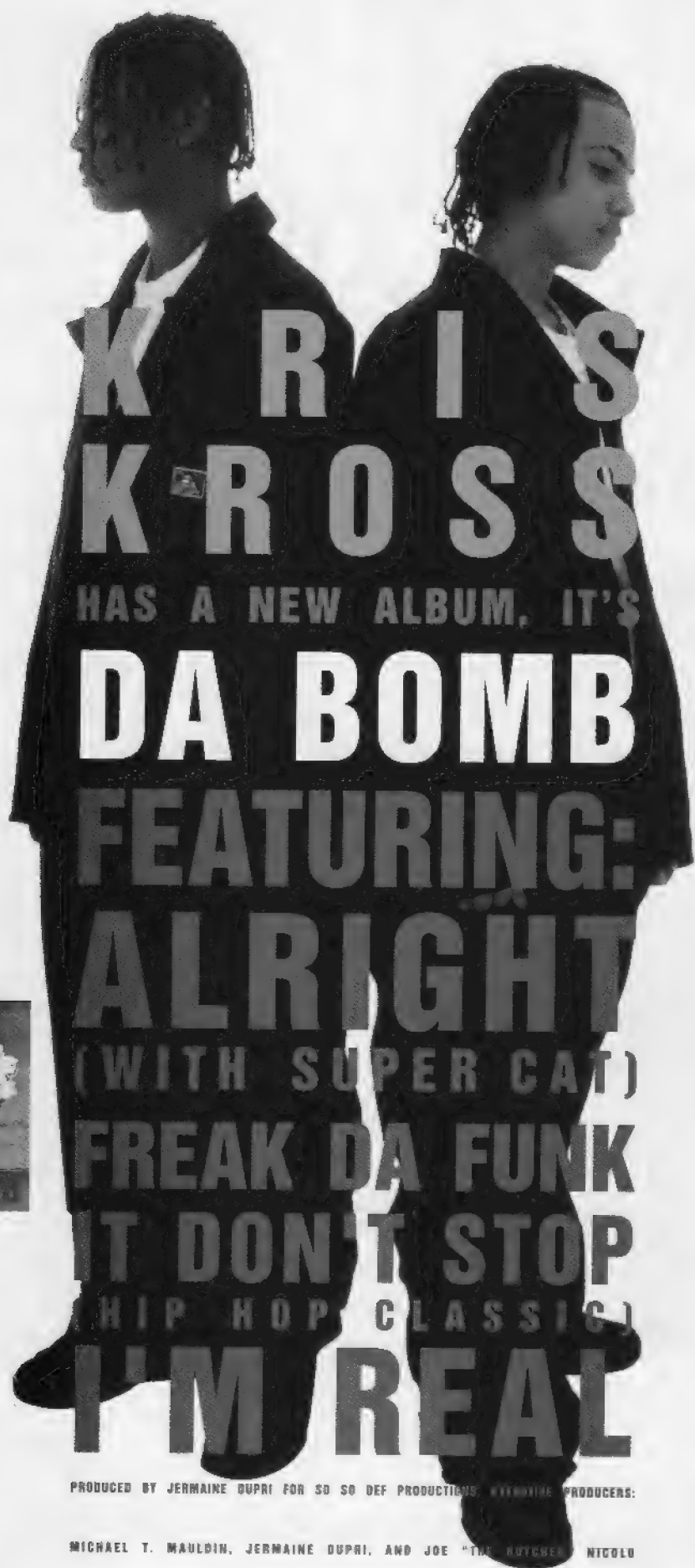
REN AND STIMPY



DOUG

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YOU ARE A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF FINNISH ROYALTY! IF RESEARCH FAILS TO BEAR THIS OUT, YOUR PARENTS ARE LYING TO YOU - BANISH THEM AT ONCE!

S U N.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	thursday	Fri-day	SATURDAY
THE MANY JOBS OF PIETRO <i>the Nutty Bunch</i> JOB #173651914 "FISH CO."	PIETRO-YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME-YOUR FIRED!	THE END	MINNE-SOTA LONG GRAIN "RICE FROLIC"	SCULPT MOUSSAKA TO RESEMBLE CHARLEMAGNE	YOU MAY DIG	4
IT'S SIBLING RIVALRY WEEK! CELEBRATE SAFELY & SANELY	LABOR DAY	FREE WALLPAPER!! BUY 8000 ISSUES, CLIP THIS BOX & ASSEMBLE ON WALL	COOS! - WRONG COMIC!	COL. 9 HARLAND SANDERS CHICKEN MOGUL BORN 1890	CHANGE YOUR PANTS ALL READY!	WORMS BUT-
GOOD FOOD IS GOOD HEALTH	TRY AN AQUARIUM SHAM-POO	THERE'S A SKELETON INSIDE YOU THAT KNOWS YOUR PHONE NUMBER!	ONLY 101 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT 'TIL XMAS!	YOUR NEW PAL O' THE DAY!	DO WORMS	DIG YOU?
JULIO, THE CARTOON RACCOON WITH A SLEEPING DISORDER & BERNICE THE RHYMING SAND DOLLAR	PING PONG PALS	PING!	PONG!	PING!	PONG!	PING!
	PING!	PONG!	Zzzzz I'M THE WINNER! LET'S EAT DINNER!	the end	STARE AT OUR FAMOUS LUCKY DOT 6 HOURS FOR NO GOOD REASON!	IT'S FUN!

LIBRA SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23
IF YOU'RE A BOY, CHANGE YOUR NAME TO NEVILLE. IF YOU'RE A GIRL, MARLYPSIA. EAT MORE BEIGE FOODS. START WEARING SIZE 13AAA SANDALS. LIFE MAY PROVE MORE STIMULATING.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WED	THURS.	Friday
AMERICA'S FUNNIEST VERMIN!	A MAN CAME UP TO ME AND SAID HE HADN'T HAD A BITE IN 3 DAYS!	So - YOU BIT HIM - RIGHT?	NO, I BOUGHT HIM A SIDE ORDER OF LITTLE NECK CLAMS!	THE END!	(TO BE ANNOUNCED)
CLEAN YOUR ROOM!	ADOPT A TREE WEEK	LARRY FINE (GREATEST STOOGES EVER) BORN 1902	STOP GO TO JAIL! GO DIRECTLY TO JAIL! DO NOT PASS "GO" DO NOT COLLECT \$200!	OK! EAT MORE MULLET DAY!!	AAAA!! WACKY MAN CHEVY CHASE b.1943
EM SAYS HI.	IT'S COLUMBUS DAY! STAY HOME! FOR REAL! NO SCHOOL! REALLY! IT'S O-K!	TWO CROWS - BOTH NAMED FRED	HEY FRED - I'LL CHANGE MY NAME IF YOU CHANGE YOUR NAME!	MY NEW NAME IS MOJARHARITO PONNETOMPLINSKI!	IF YOUR NAME WASN'T FRED I'D SLUNDER YOUR GOOD NAME!
GET MOD!	Wise IS THE FOOL	IT'S "SING THE PRAISES OF MARLIPAN DAY"	BLAH!	EXPERIMENT WITH DUCT TAPE	IT'S FEZ DAY
ONLY 1 WEEK TO: HALLOWEEN	PABLO PICASSO FAMOUS ARTISTE BORN 1881	NAT'L BIG PANTS EXPO FLEMINGTON NJ	RENAME YOURSELF AFTER A COMMON HOUSEHOLD OBJECT	CROSS YOUR EYES!	IT'S FEZ JEALOUSY DAY!
			HI! MY NAME IS, STOOL!	THEY'LL STAY THAT WAY!	

Once again, it's

Bill Beak

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HOPVILLE BIRD SANCTUARY

THE OTHER BIRDS IN THE PARK CAN GOBBLE THIS STUFF UP — BUT I'M SICK OF IT!

BIRD SEED

BIRD SANCTUARY

POP

I WONDER WHAT THE FREE BIRDS EAT.

ESCAPE TUNNEL NO. 29

HEY! THERE'S SOME FREE CITY BIRDS NOW. AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE ENJOYING A HEARTY MEAL.

HERE COMES A SANCTUARY BIRD. LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH HIM.

YO, HOME BIRDS WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

GARBAGE!

US CITY BIRDS KEEP THE STREETS CLEAN BY EATING CIGARETTE BUTTS AND CANDY WRAPPERS!

AND TOOTHPASTE!

PEOPLE ARE SMOKING LESS AND EATING FEWER SWEETS THOUGH, SO WE HAVE TO MIGRATE MORE OFTEN.

LUNCH IS ON ME. COME ON...

THERE'S STILL PLENTY OF TOOTHPASTE. CARE TO JOIN US?

YOU GUYS WILL LOVE THIS PLACE! IS IT A FRENCH RESTAURANT?

PIZZA?

I'LL TEACH THESE BIRDS A LESSON FOR PULLING MY LEG!

EAT UP BOYS!

City Dump

PLOP!

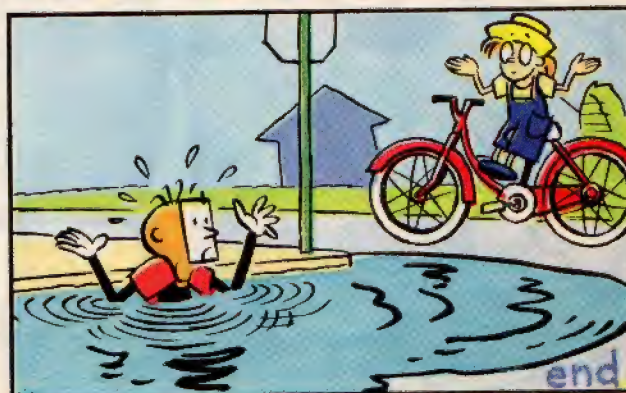
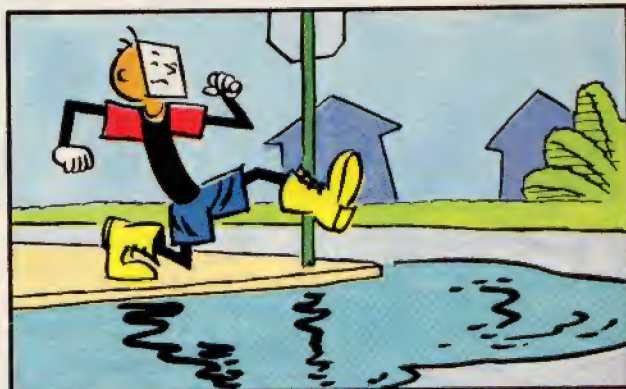
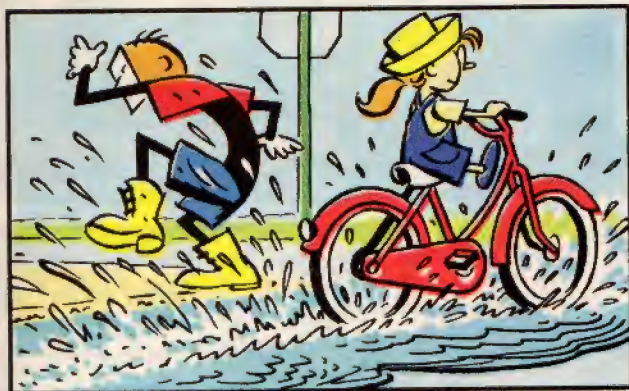
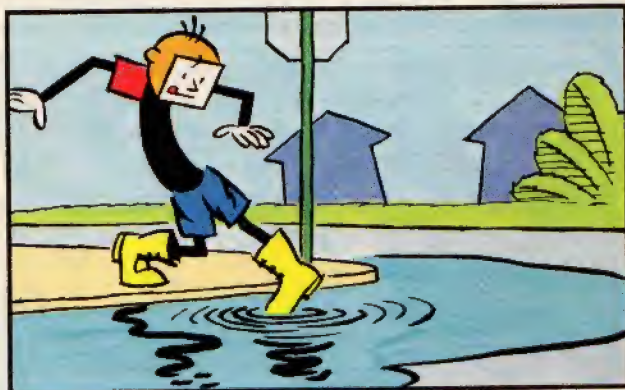
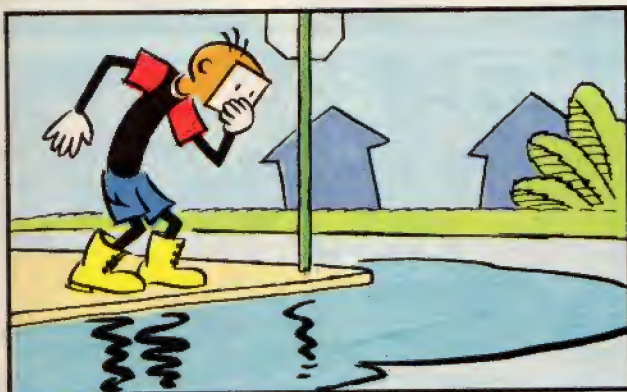
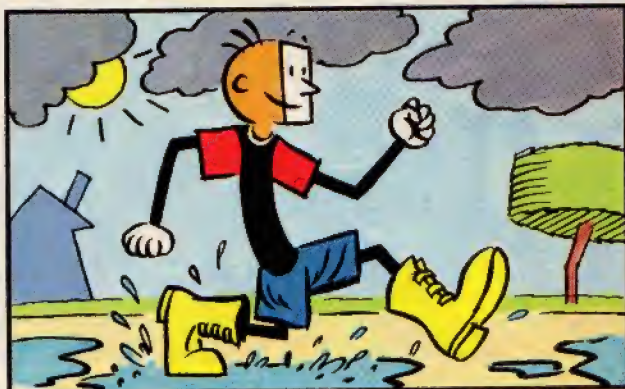
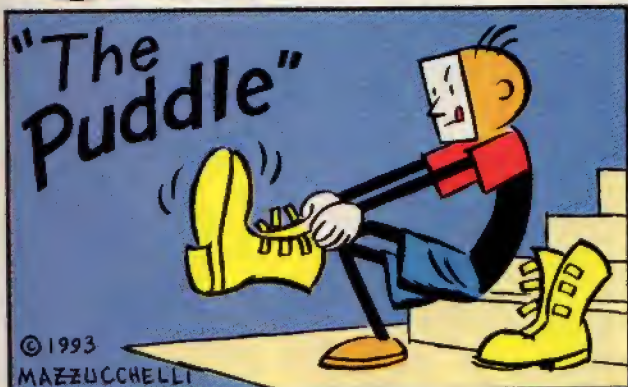
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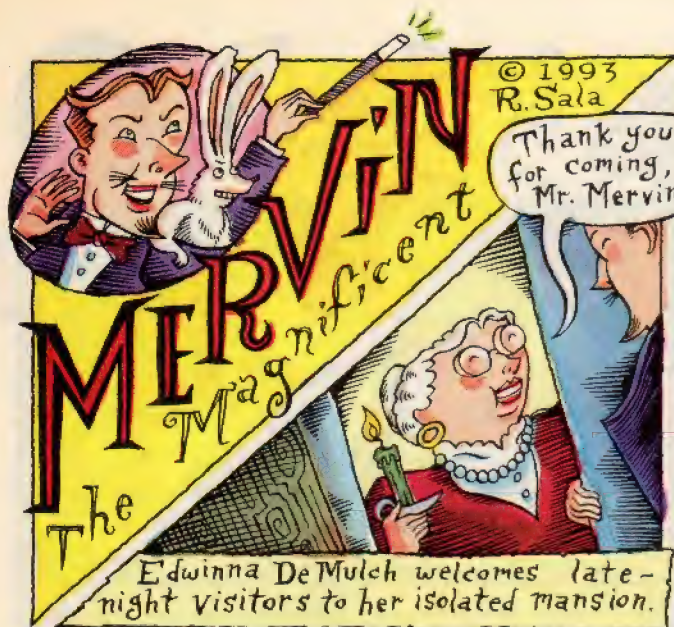


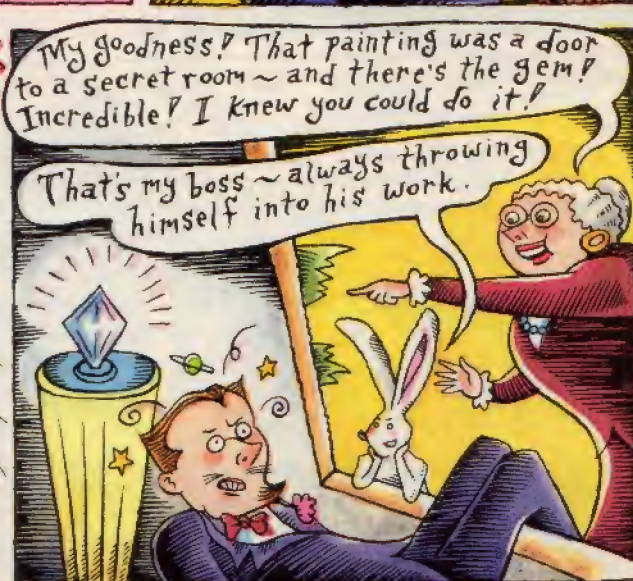
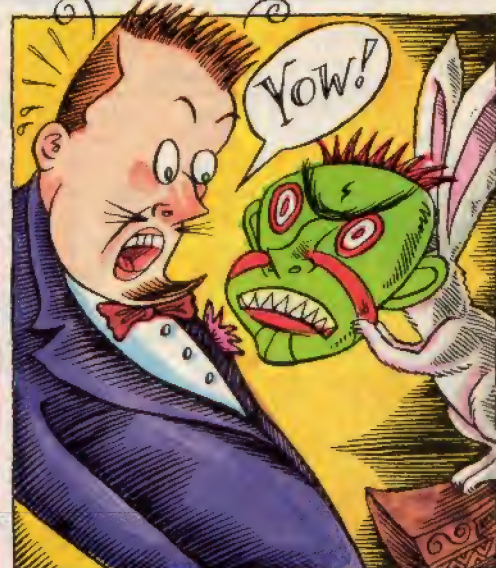
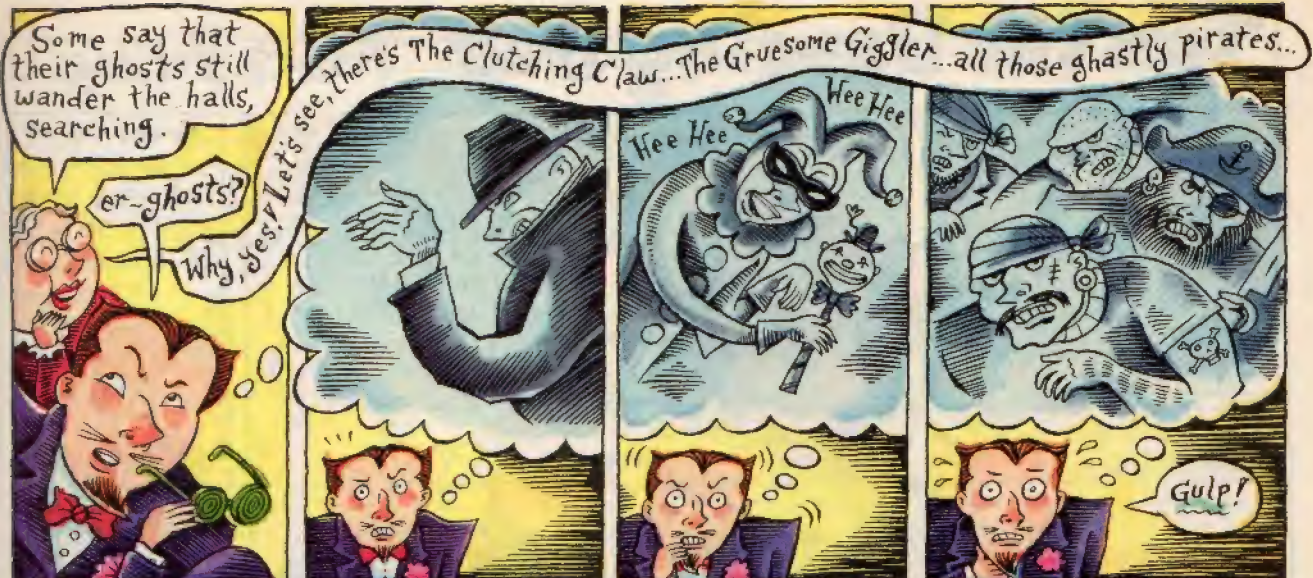
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CAN'T TURN IN THE MIDDLE OF A SHOW!!

AH, BUT I DEFINE A "SHOW" AS EACH INDIVIDUAL SESAME STREET SKETCH, AND THE GROVER SKETCH IS OVER!



MOST CHILDREN DON'T NEED ADVICE ON WHEN TO APPEAL TO PARENTAL AUTHORITY...

I'M TELLING!



... BUT MANY CAN USE EXPERT TIPS ON DEALING WITH THAT AUTHORITY, SUCH AS KEEPING ACCURATE AND DETAILED RECORDS.

MARCH 4, 1990: WHEN JUDY WAS THREE MONTHS YOUNGER THAN I AM NOW, SHE WAS ALLOWED TO STAY UP PAST 9:00 ON A SCHOOLNIGHT!



AND, OF COURSE, DETAILED TREATMENT OF **BACKSEAT TERRITORY LAW:**

p.317: IN ORDER TO PROPERLY ASSERT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU MUST CONSTANTLY USE EVERY INCH OF YOUR ENTITLEMENT.



p.348: THE THREE-SIBLING APPROACH TO THE CAR: WHO WILL HAVE TO SIT IN THE MIDDLE?

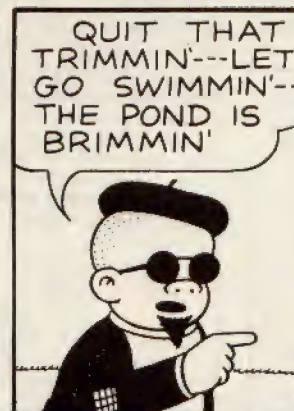
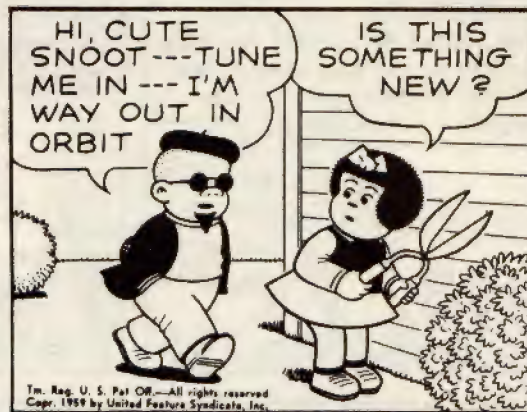
Note the disadvantage of A, who approached the car first. He runs the risk of a "run-around maneuver" by B.



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Nancy is half dead, sure. Like how was, man.

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I'LL BE THE TOAST OF THE TOWN!

SIMULTANEOUSLY MR. FANCYPANTS MAKES A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT A CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT.




NICE PANTS
THANK YOU.
YOU'RE WELCOME

MEANWHILE ACE REPORTER PENNY PAGE DANGLES ABOVE MIDTOWN WAITING TO BE RESCUED BY MR. FANCYPANTS.




HE'S NOT GONNA RESCUE ME. NO ONE EVER DOES. I THINK MY FOOT'S FALLING ASLEEP.

SUDDENLY OUR HERO IS MAKING A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT A LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY ARE YOU A SUPERHERO? YOU DON'T HAVE ANY POWERS YOU NEVER FIGHT CRIME YOU NEVER HELP ANYONE...


WILL OUR HERO BE ABLE TO SAVE PENNY BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT?



FORGET IT! I'M FED UP. I'M GOING HOME AND WRITING A LETTER TO MY CONGRESSMAN.

HONK HONK HONK

WILL OUR HERO GET HIS PANTS OUT OF THE CLEANERS BY TUESDAY?



YOU HAVE BIG PANTS. SO WHAT?!

FIND OUT THESE ANSWERS AND MORE IN...

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Trick or Eat

Fill in the blanks for a do-it-yourself Halloween story.

Michael and Deborah thought the dark, empty house at Number 13

_____ tree

Street was haunted. Sometimes Michael thought he could hear a

_____ wild animal

howling from inside, and Deborah once thought she saw an orange

_____ human body part

floating in the window.

This Halloween, they decided to enter the house. "If we come back alive," Michael said, "I'll give you my entire collection of

_____ useless objects

So off they went, Deborah dressed as _____, and Michael

_____ luncheon meat

dressed as _____. On the front door of the house was a brass

_____ a kind of bread

knocker shaped like the head of _____. As they lifted it, the

_____ famous evil person

door swung open. Inside it was dark, and the air smelled like

_____ articles of clothing

that hadn't been washed for _____ years.

_____ large number

Suddenly something appeared on the stairs. It was a giant piece of candy corn, as big as _____.

_____ basketball player

It started rolling down the stairs, and Michael and Deborah dropped their bags and ran, their

skin so covered with goose bumps that they looked like two old

_____ vegetables

When they looked back, the candy corn was shrinking,

trying to get inside one of the empty bags. It made a whimper, like a(n)

_____ adjective

_____ pet

"All my life I wanted to be somebody's Halloween candy," it said, "but nobody ever trick-or-treated at my house."

They felt sorry for it. They looked inside the bag, and the candy corn had turned into a _____ and was yelling, "Take me home!" They

_____ really seriously horrible object

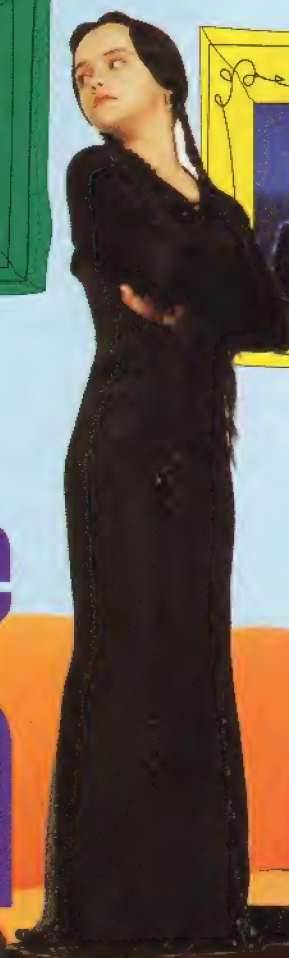
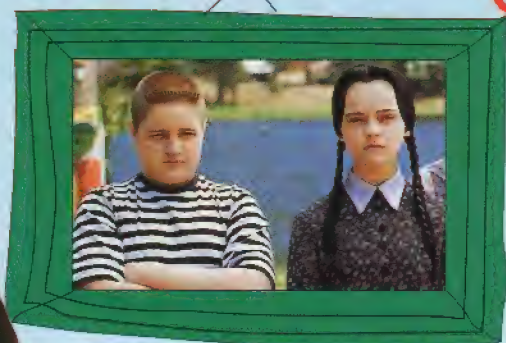
dropped the bag, and as they ran, Deborah said, "You can keep your

_____ useless objects

. I'm never doing this again!"

These kids look like two _____ adjective plural noun





THE Movie Couch

On screen, they may be creepy and kooky, mysterious and ooky. But in real life, Wednesday is **CHRISTINA RICCI** and Pugsley is **JIMMY WORKMAN**. Nick Mag's **BECKY BURCHAM** talked to them on the Movie Couch about their new movie, which comes out in November:

Addams Family Values

Nick Mag: So what is *Addams Family Values* about?

Jimmy: There are three plots: First, Wednesday and Pugsley get sent to camp. Second, Debbie, the new nanny, marries Uncle Fester. Third, Gomez starts feeling sick. And Pubert, our new baby brother, gets like a normal kid — he gets blonde hair, blue eyes, and his mustache goes away.

NM: Pubert is born with a mustache?

Jimmy: Yep, he's born with a full head of jet-black hair and a mustache.

NM: I wonder what you looked like when you were born.

Jimmy: You know the movie *Alien*? I came out like that.

NM: What's your favorite part of the movie?

Christina: Uncle Fester's wedding. I'm the Addams equivalent of the flower girl—I'm the rock girl. I walk down the aisle dropping rocks instead of flowers.

NM: Do you like Pubert?

Christina: We don't get along very well. Pugsley and I try to kill Pubert about 5 million times.

NM: Do you try to kill Pugsley in this movie too?

Christina: Yeah.

NM: You're trying to kill everyone.

Christina: That's right.

NM: Jimmy, you made your debut in the first *Addams Family*. How did you get that part?

Jimmy: My sister auditioned for the role of Wednesday. [She didn't get it.] They asked her if she had any sisters or brothers. She said, "Yeah, I have a fat one with freckles downstairs." I auditioned, and I got the part.

NM: Christina, how long does it take you to do your braids?

Christina: It takes about half an hour to do my wig.

NM: That's not your real hair?

Christina: No. My hair is a little bit longer than shoulder length.

NM: What's Pugsley's favorite snack?

Jimmy: That would probably be alligator tail and frog legs.

NM: What would be the best thing about having Morticia and Gomez as your real parents?

Christina: If you do something bad, they consider it good. So you never get in trouble.

NM: Are your families anything at all like the Addams family?

Christina: No, let's hope not.

NM: Has Pugsley changed since the first movie?

Jimmy: He's pretty much the same, but he does crueller stuff, and he's much bigger.

NM: What's the hardest thing you had to do for the movie?

Christina: A couple of my lines were real tongue ty... tongue twi... See I can't even say the word. Really tongue tying. That was about the hardest thing I had to do.

NM: Who's older between you two?

Christina: Me. I'm thirteen.

Jimmy: I'm twelve.

NM: And who wins most of the fights?

Christina: Me.

NM: When you're working, do you get to skip school?

Christina: No. We each have a one-on-one tutor. They can be fun.

NM: You still have to take tests and everything?

Christina: Yeah. I just took a math exam and a science exam.

NM: What do you do when you're not working or in school?

Jimmy: I ride my bike, collect baseball cards and basketball cards, skateboard, and roller skate.

Christina: I swim, play soccer, draw, hang out with my friends, and listen to music.

NM: What's the best thing about acting?

Christina: Getting to be totally different people. I could never



Hands

be Wednesday in real life. That would never work. But as an actress, I can be her from 9 to 5 and go home.

NM: What's the worst thing about being an actor?

Jimmy: The last day of the movie, because it's hard to say goodbye to all these people 'cause you've known them for a long time.

NM: Well, maybe there will be an *Addams Family 3*...?

Jimmy: Yeah, probably. But I hope Pugsley gets a girlfriend in it.

VITAL STATISTICS

CHRISTINA RICCI

Favorite amusement park ride:

Roller coaster

Most loved object in your room:

My bed. I'm always tired.

Favorite ice cream flavor:

Chocolate mint chip



JIMMY WORKMAN

Favorite pizza topping:

Cheese

All-time best Halloween costume:

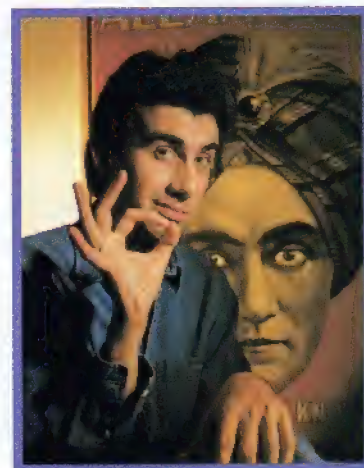
Ninja

Favorite fish:

Shark



You may not know Christopher Hart by name, but he's had a big hand in both *Addams Family* movies—his hand is *Thing*.



NM: Do your wrists or elbows ever get jealous of the attention you give your hands?

CH: No. My left hand gets a little jealous sometimes, but I'm trying to get it a bit part.

NM: Do you wear gloves when you go out so you won't be recognized?

CH: Sometimes. When there's a mob.

NM: How did you prepare for the role of *Thing*?

CH: I videotaped myself crawling around my apartment with my hands. I came up with funny little skips and runs.

NM: What do you do when you're not working on *Addams Family* movies?

CH: I'm a magician.

NM: What kind of magic do you do?

CH: I do a stage act. I created a routine just before I got the role in *The Addams Family* that involved a long red woman's glove that comes alive and starts to crawl. It crawls on my coat and eventually drags me off stage.

NM: What's the most difficult stunt you had to do for the new movie?

CH: There's a sequence where *Thing* is riding down the hallways back and forth on a roller skate, sort of like a skateboard. I literally do flips and 360-degree turns and spins on this roller skate.

NM: Did you do anything that was really dangerous?

CH: There were a couple of things that were a little frightening. There's a scene where *Thing* is watching Gomez throw darts, and Lurch is catching them on a dart board. Gomez gets a little out of hand. He's not thinking when he throws the dart, and it goes whizzing by *Thing*, and *Thing* has to jump up to avoid it. They really had a dart flying by inches from my hand. That made me a little nervous.

NM: What do you do for a tired hand?

CH: Stick it in ice, and cool it down.

—Becky Burcham





Down!



Here's your
chance to see how
big Thing is.
This is Christopher
Hart's hand,
shown at its
**actual
size.**

Put your hand in
his hand, and see
how you
measure up.

This hand gives me paws.



Each fall, the World Series spotlights baseball's two top teams. But what about the teams at the bottom of the heap? The ones so awful even their own fans turn away in disgust? To honor baseball's forgotten and forgettable losers, we proudly present

Baseball's All-Hall of

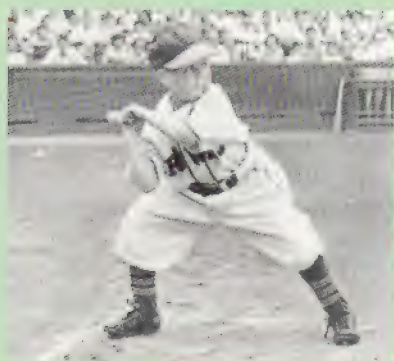


1899 Cleveland Spiders

With a name like the Spiders, they had to be bad. And they were. Baseball's all-time worst team won a total of 20 games and lost 134. The Spiders crawled to the finish line, losing 40 of their last 41. That's enough to give any fan the creeps.

1902-1953 St. Louis Browns

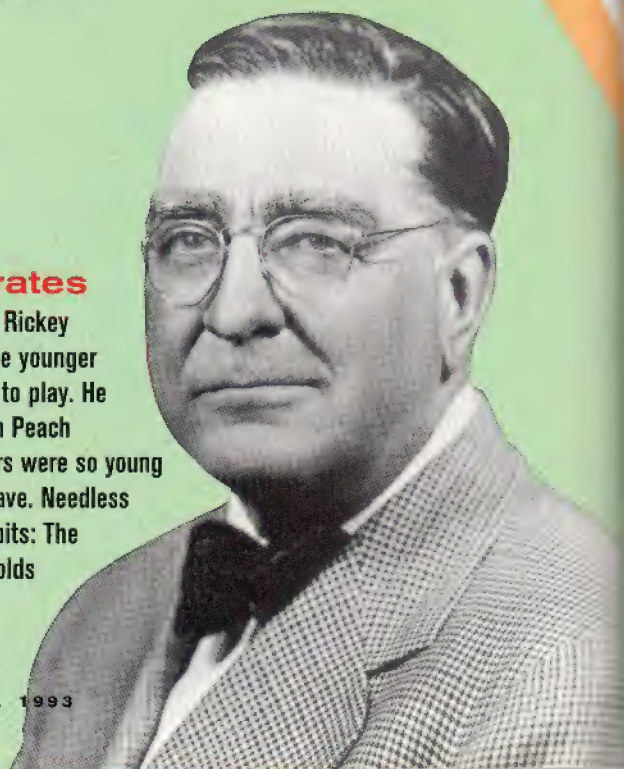
For consistent lousiness over an extended period, the Browns finish first. Over a 50-year stretch, they dropped 4,465 games. But they lost with flair. At various times, the Browns fielded a midget, Eddie Gaedel (below), a one-armed outfielder, and a broadcaster. Not much of a baseball team, but they put on a very interesting show.



What are they complaining about?
I get walked four times a day.

1952 Pittsburgh Pirates

General Manager Branch Rickey (right) decided to give the younger team members a chance to play. He called his idea "Operation Peach Fuzz," because the players were so young they barely needed to shave. Needless to say, the plan was the pits: The corps of mostly 19-year-olds finished 42-112.

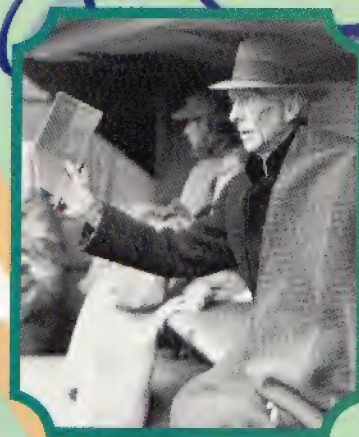


Time Shame

By Andrew Santella

1916 Philadelphia A's

Just two years after his team won the pennant, Hall of Fame manager Connie Mack (right) let some of his best players move on to other teams. As a result, the A's won just 36 games and finished 54½ games out of first place. That's A's as in Atrocious, Appalling, Awful...



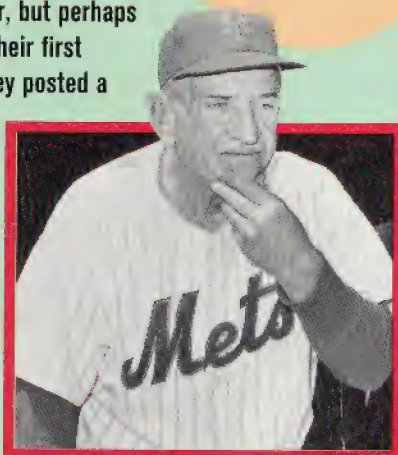
1961 Philadelphia Phillies

Under skipper Gene Mauch (below), the Phillies compiled an embarrassing 47-107 record, yet their real claim to fame is their 23-game losing streak. Somehow the fans remained loyal. When the Phillies finally snapped the streak, a celebrating mob and a brass band greeted them at the airport.



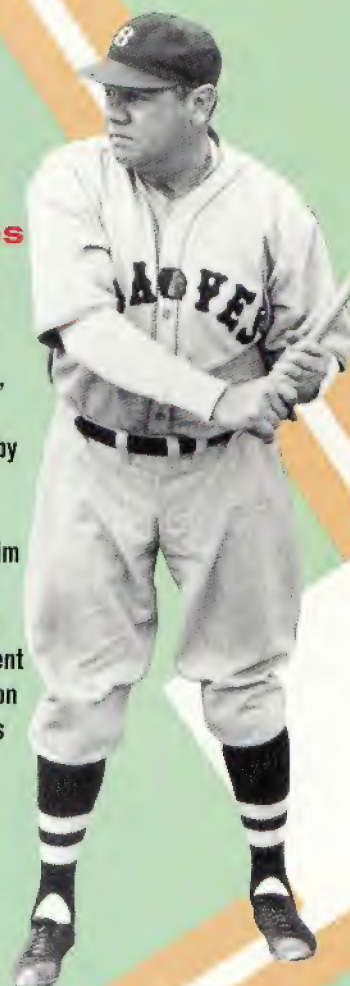
1962 New York Mets

Not the worst team ever, but perhaps the most infamous. In their first season of existence, they posted a 40-120 record. Manager Casey Stengel (right) was so stunned he said, "They've shown me ways to lose I never knew existed." A truly wise man, Stengel.



1935 Boston Braves

The Braves had a certain Babe Ruth (right) playing for them – and they still lost 115 games. Of course, the Sultan of Swat was pretty much swatted out by this time. He had been playing for 22 seasons, and this team would do him in. (After hitting .181 in 28 games, he retired from baseball.) Club management was so upset by the season that it changed the team's name to the Bees for the next campaign.



Special Late-Breaking Sports Extra: 1993

Team: _____
Record: Wins _____ Losses _____

The New York Mets are again having a horrible season. But they're not alone – the brand new Colorado Rockies and Florida Marlins are also doing poorly. How will they stack up? Will they enter the Hall of Shame? Fill in the blanks at the end of the season.



EAT THE DOORKNOB Game



Hee, hee, hee.

Happy, happy, happy.

Ren and Stimpy here, and boy are we having fun.

We just played one of our favorite games, **Eat the Doorknob**.

Here's how we played:

We wrote the names of seven of our favorite foods on seven pieces of paper, and the word "doorknob" on an eighth piece. Then we stuck all eight pieces of paper in a hat. We took turns pulling the pieces out. Each of us got to eat whatever was written on the papers we pulled from the hat. Of course, the winner was the one who got to gnaw on the shiny new doorknob.

Can you figure out who munched the doorknob and in what order we ate the foods? You can do it!

Look at the clues below and follow these hints:

- ★ Use scratch paper to take notes.
- ★ Remember that whoever picks first also picks third, fifth, and seventh.
- ★ The one who picks second also picks fourth, sixth, and eighth.
- ★ Along with the doorknob, these are the "foods" we wrote on the slips of paper: dried yams, cat litter, breaded giblets, jelly doughnuts, powdered toast, glazed ham, and crusted cereal.



CLUES:

1. The one who ate the cat litter also ate breaded giblets and dried yams.
2. Ren picked second.
3. Powdered toast and cat litter were picked before crusted cereal.
4. The doorknob was the seventh selection.
5. The jelly doughnuts and dried yams were picked after the crusted cereal.
6. The loser ate jelly doughnuts.
7. The glazed ham was not selected before the doorknob.
8. Breaded giblets were the first pick; powdered toast was the second pick.

If you eat a doorknob,
will your stomach turn?



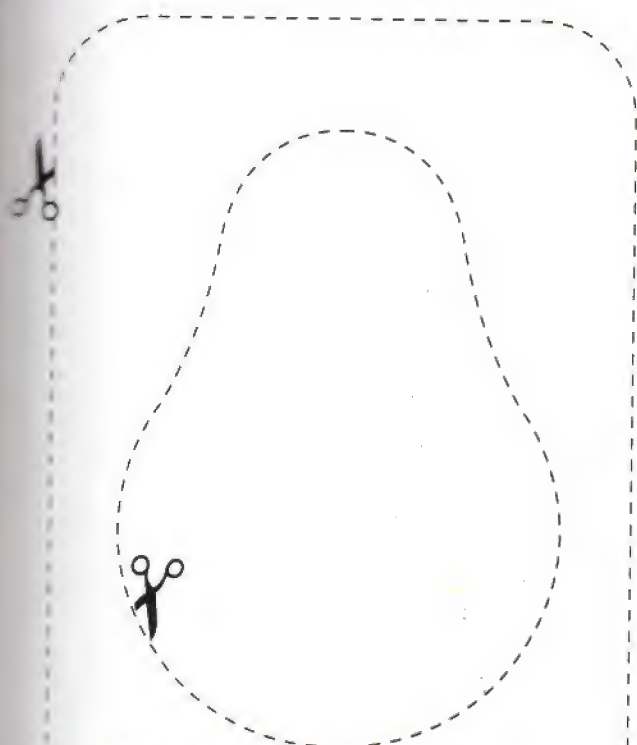
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—ANDREW LERNER

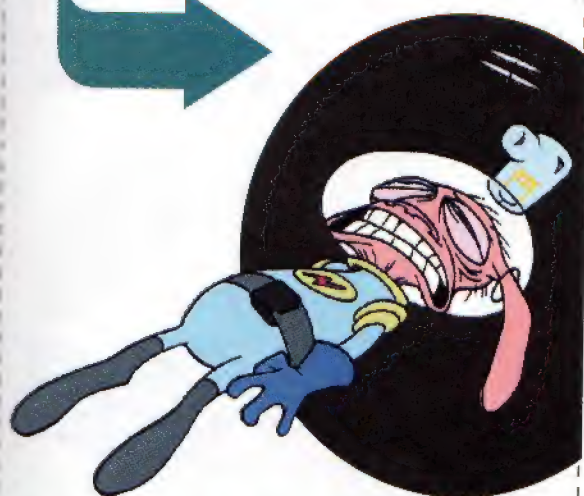


DOORKNOB HANG-UPS

Here's another twist on doorknobs from **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE**.
Simply cut and hang.

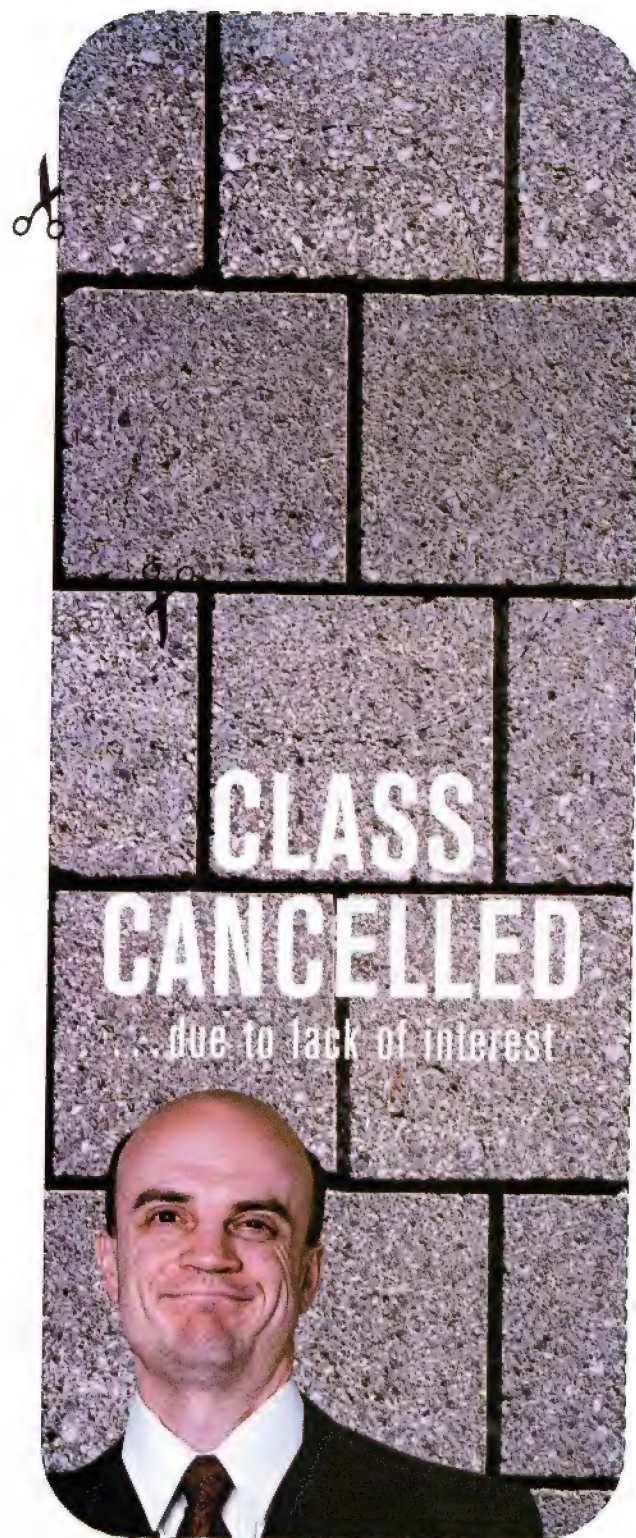


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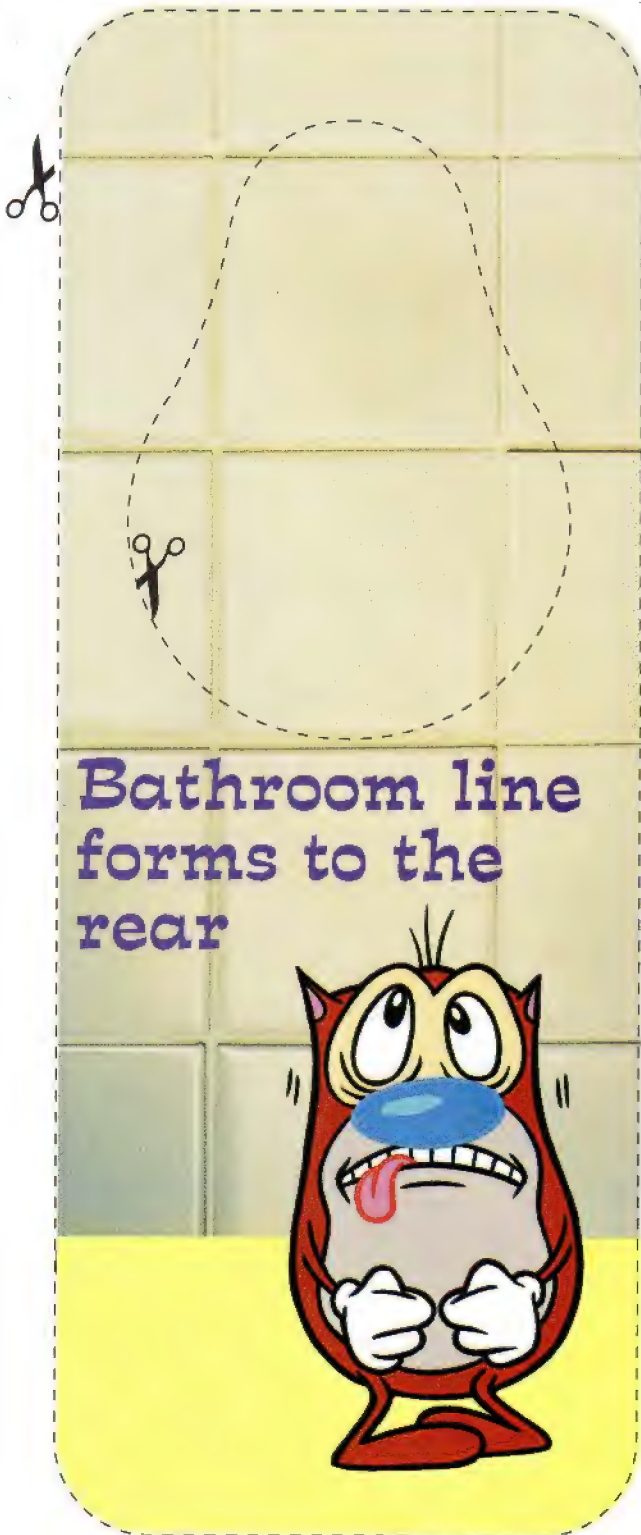
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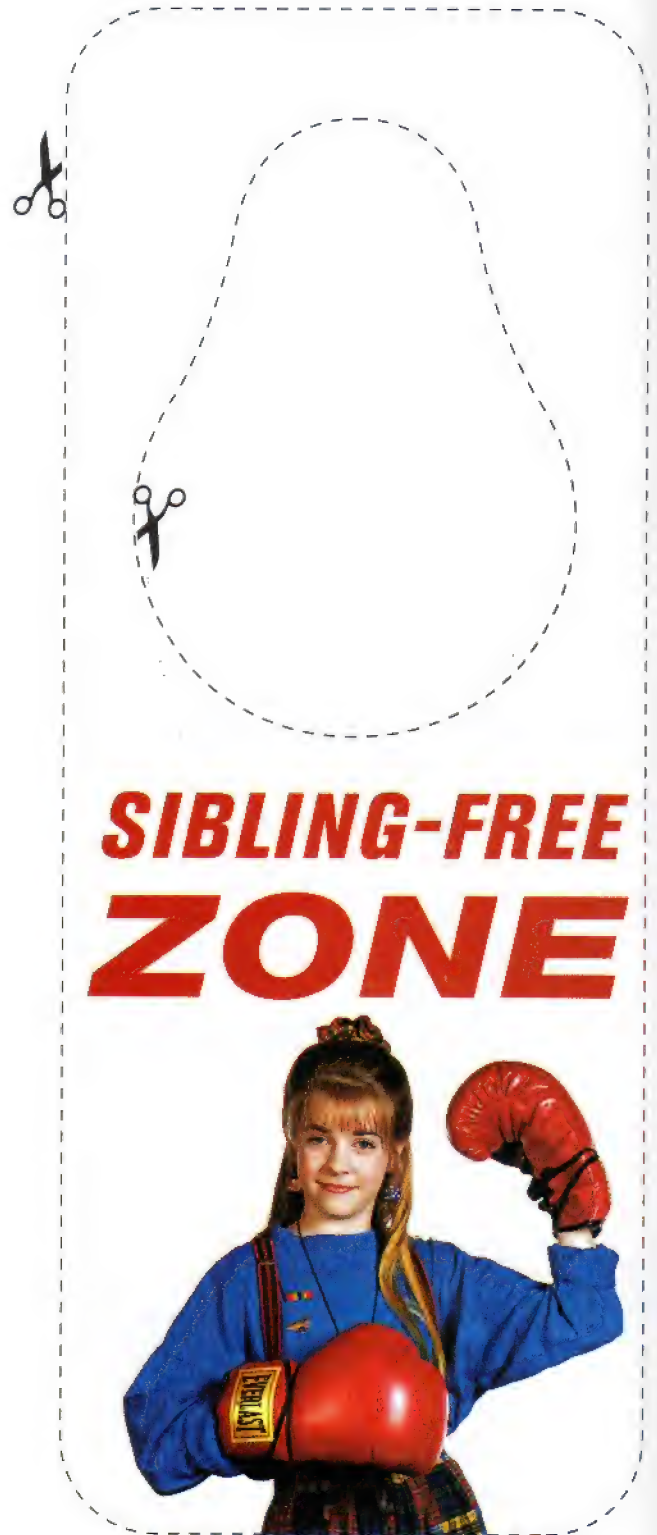
FOR YOUR HOMEROOM

DOORKNOB HANG-UPS

Darn it if we just can't get enough of doorknob hangers!



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**"If he
talked less
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eat more."**

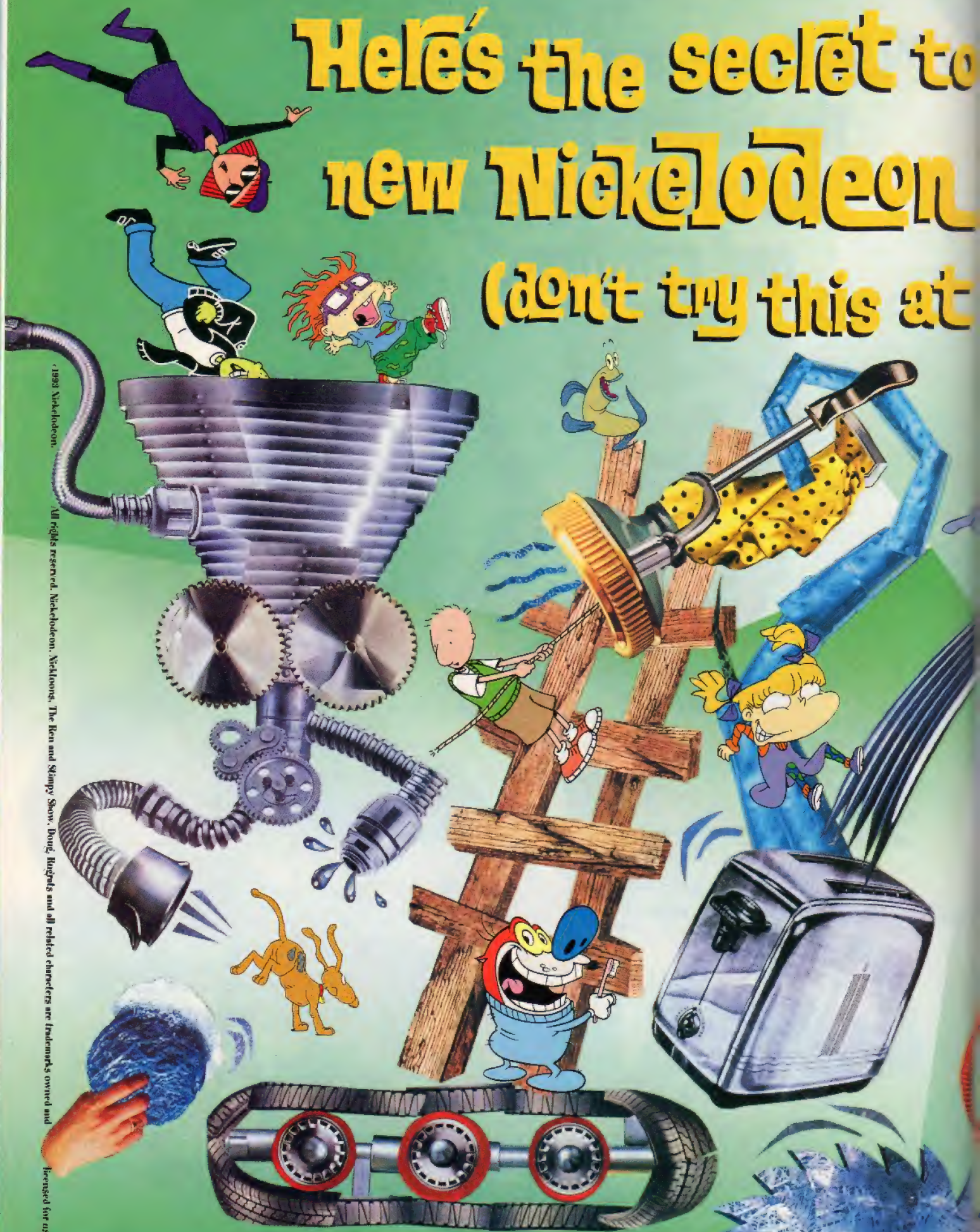


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Here's the secret to new Nickelodeon (don't try this at



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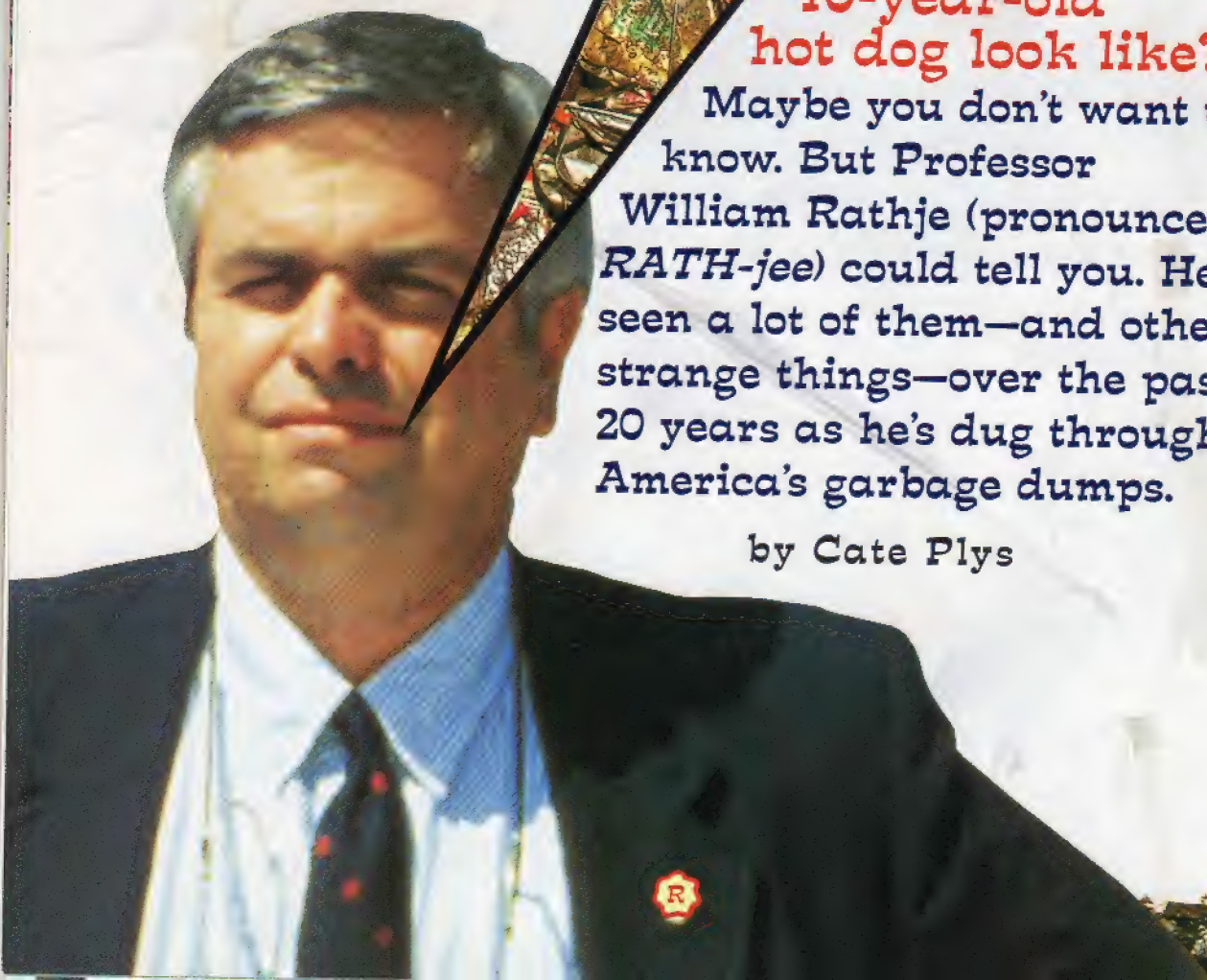



Talking Trash

**What does a
40-year-old
hot dog look like?**

Maybe you don't want to know. But Professor William Rathje (pronounced *RATH-jee*) could tell you. He's seen a lot of them—and other strange things—over the past 20 years as he's dug through America's garbage dumps.

by Cate Plys





William Rathje is an archaeology professor at the University of Arizona who specializes in garbage—a “garbologist” to be exact. He and his crew learn about us and our recent history by studying what we throw away. As a garbologist, Rathje excavates landfills and analyzes the contents of people’s trash cans. He personally has looked through more than 18,000 trash bags. We interviewed Professor Rathje to get the dirt on garbage in America.

Nick Mag: Don’t you get sick from the smell?

William Rathje: It isn’t nearly as bad as people think. There’s a lot of variety to fresh garbage. The worst smell is raw rancid chicken.

NM: Do you ever get used to the smell?

WR: You get to where you don’t really notice it. When we began excavating landfills, everybody wore face masks. Then I took mine off to see how bad it was, and I found that after about 10 minutes the smell goes away. Actually, your ability to smell the smell goes away. But, the smell stays with you. For instance, I took my crew to Pizza Hut for lunch. After five minutes we were the only customers in the place. As we left, the Pizza Hut people told us that next time, they’d deliver.

NM: What’s the grossest thing you ever found at a landfill?

WR: Guacamole thrown out in 1967. We found it in 1989. There was a dish with this sort of greenish-gray stuff. Nobody ate it to test it, but it was pretty gross.

NM: What’s really in a landfill?

WR: I should start with the things people *think* are in one. Styrofoam, fast-food packaging, and disposable diapers are three items people think make up most of a landfill. Yet they are only about three percent of what’s in one. The first and foremost item in landfills is paper—40 to 50 percent of the volume—because paper doesn’t biodegrade easily in a landfill.

ON TOP OF OLD DUMPY

In the movie *Poltergeist*, a neighborhood is built on an old cemetery. In real life, things get built on old landfills. And instead of skeletons, the scary element is the flammable methane gas that’s produced by the decaying garbage.

Mt. Trashmore Park, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

A 125-acre park built on a 70-foot-high landfill in 1971. Three flagpoles in the park also serve as vents for the methane gas. Once, lightning struck a flagpole and it caught fire.

Shoreline Amphitheatre, Mountain View, California.

A 37-acre open-air theater built in 1987 on a portion of a landfill. Someone sitting on the lawn during a concert complained that a blanket caught fire when a cigarette was lit. The theater quickly installed a system to vent the leaking methane gas.

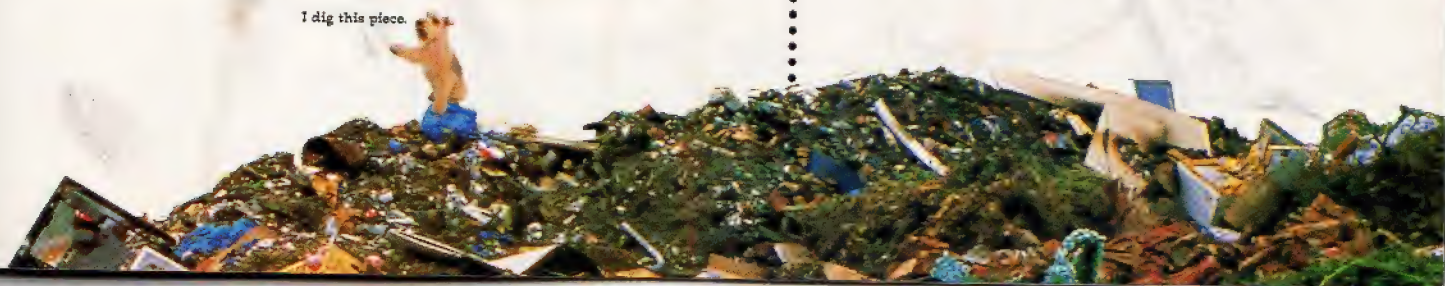
LaGuardia Airport, Queens, New York.

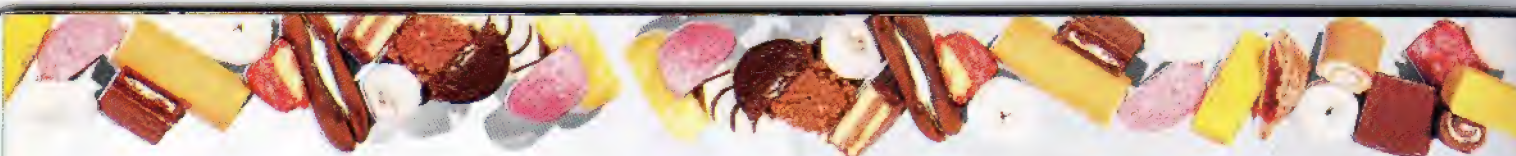
More than half of the 650-acre airport was created along the waterfront during the 1930s on top of garbage from a New York City dump. Every year crews have to pour blacktop on the runways, because they settle at uneven rates. In some spots, the runways are 12 feet thick.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Boston, Massachusetts.

It was opened in 1979 on a peninsula in Boston Harbor that was built up by garbage. The nearby ocean can be very smelly at low tide. But local librarians don’t think that has anything to do with the garbage.

I dig this piece.





NM: What do you find when you study fresh garbage from neighborhoods?

WR: People waste a lot of food. The average house in our studies wastes between 15 and 20 percent of the food they buy, and I don't mean just orange peels. I mean a piece of steak, a head of lettuce, a carrot. The more prepared food and fast food people buy, the more fresh food they waste.

NM: How can we avoid wasting so much food?

WR: If you eat the same thing day in and day out, you waste less. Because you know how to cook it, you know how much you're going to eat. For example, if you look at Mexican-American households, you find that their diet is diverse—tacos and burritos and chimichangas—but the basic ingredients are few. So these households tend to waste less.

NM: Do you ever dream of garbage?

WR: No.

NM: Do you envy garbage men?

WR: They are my heroes. I don't think people realize that their job is the second most dangerous job in the country, after mining.

NM: Was there anything you did as a kid that made you love digging in garbage?

WR: Yes. When I was about five, I began digging holes in the front yard. Most of the time I had no idea why I was doing it. But I remember I found what I think was a copper door hinge that had turned green. It was carved and decorated, and I was awestruck.

NM: Did you like taking out the trash as a kid?

WR: It was a household chore that I hated. Never did I ever dream that I'd build a career around it.

NM: As a kid, did you have a messy room—what your mom would have called a dump?

WR: It was never spotless, but it wasn't messy like my office today.

NM: How bad is your office?

WR: Very bad. I believe my office is like a landfill, because it's mostly paper, in layers, with the oldest papers on the bottom and the newest ones on top. And the paper doesn't biodegrade. I'm afraid I'd have to say my office is a dump.

GARBAGE CAN DO

You throw out about 1,569 pounds of garbage every year, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Rathje has a few ideas on how you can shrink your garbage output.

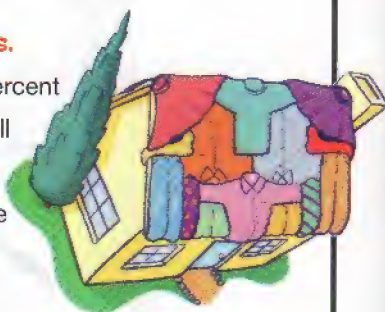
1. Carry a cloth bag with you when you shop, so you won't waste paper or plastic bags.

2. Buy rechargeable batteries. Batteries are the main source of hazardous waste from households. One rechargeable battery replaces 200 regular batteries. Plus, it saves on packaging.

3. Buy recycled paper. Look for notebooks labeled "recycled" or, most ideally, "post-consumer recycled."

4. Donate old clothes.

Clothes fill up about four percent of landfills! Charities can sell the unwearable clothes to factories, where they can be made into other products, including roof shingles.



MEET LOCK, SHOCK & BARREL



TIM BURTON'S NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

COMING TO THEATRES THIS FALL

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WORLD OF COOTIES



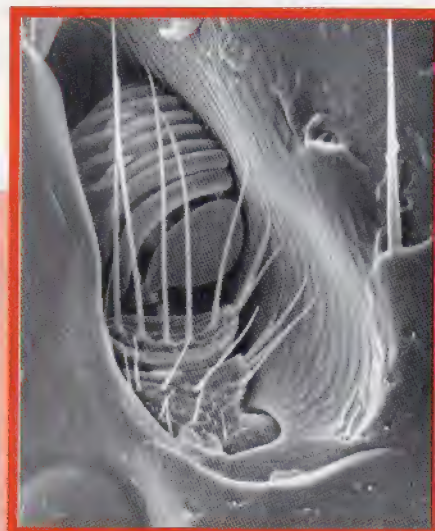
Everyone talks about cooties, but you've probably never seen them. And you won't see any here. But you will see a lot of things that live in the cooties' neighborhood. These photos are from *MicroAliens*, a new book by Howard Tomb and Dennis Kunkel, Ph.D. They were taken with an electron microscope, which is at least a hundred times more powerful than any microscope you use in school.

Can you guess what these objects are?



- a. hairbrush
- b. cat's tongue
- c. shag carpet

- a. flea ear
- b. sea urchin belly button
- c. food left in the refrigerator too long



- a. Super Mario's brain
- b. nose goblin
- c. goldfish skin

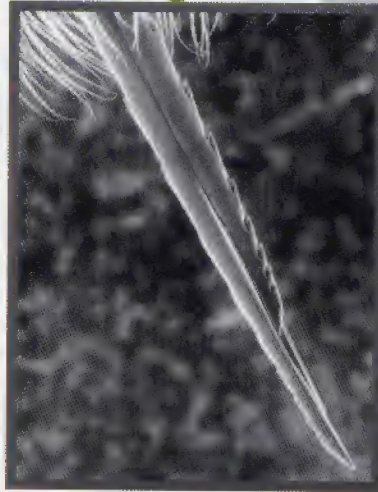


- a. human taste bud
- b. ant's rear
- c. beehive fire exit





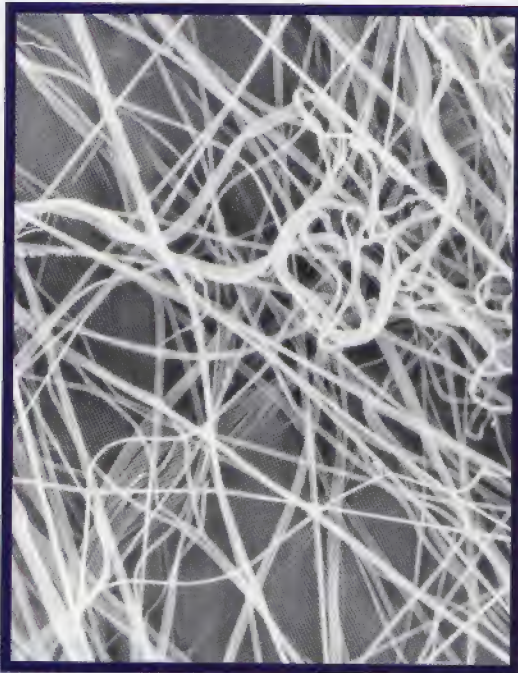
- a. ladybug's face
b. miniature walrus
c. Aunt Mabel



- a. frozen buffalo drool
b. flea antler
c. honeybee stinger



Buffalo drool, won't you come out tonight?



- a. string
b. new ride at your local theme park
c. spider web



- a. butterfly antenna
b. eyelash coated with mascara
c. potato stick



- a. the seafood lover in you
b. dust mite
c. cootie

ANSWERS ON PAGE 68.

Curious Collections

For our continuing series on collections, we tracked down Frank Hoban, president of the American Pencil Collectors Society. He penciled us in for an interview, and this is what he said about his hobby.

How do we know this guy isn't really, really small?



Nick Mag: How many pencils do you have?

Frank Hoban: I have around 5,000.

NM: Are you kidding?

FH: 5,000 sounds like a lot, but there have been thousands of millions of pencils made. I have a whole roomful.

NM: How many people are there in your society?

FH: About 400. All over the world.

NM: If you were an eraser, what kind of pencil would you like to be on?

FH: One that never wears out.

NM: If a pencil had a brain, don't you think it would get very sad when it saw an eraser erasing its work?

FH: I guess the pencil could always think it was ahead because it had to do its work before the eraser could do anything.

NM: When you hear a pencil sharpener at work, does it make you physically sick? Have you ever thought of what it would be like to be plunged into one?

FH: I have. I don't like the sound of it because it's taking away something that I enjoy. If you can imagine yourself as a

pencil going through a sharpener, you wouldn't be very happy.

NM: Pencils can be pretty sharp. Have you ever hurt yourself with one?

FH: I haven't, but I have heard of many cases where people have. Especially, like, punched in their eye. It's something that kids really have to be very careful with. They don't realize how dangerous a weapon a pencil can be.

NM: Is the smell of fresh pencil shavings more beautiful to you than a bouquet of roses?

FH: I'll answer yes on that one.

NM: All pencils eventually shrink. Do you ever get really sad when there's not much of a pencil left?

FH: Not really, because I have 4,999 left.

For more information, write:
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Columbus, Indiana 47201

—Robin Sayers

If you have a curious collection, write and tell us about it. You could appear in a future issue.

By Ruth Lindy and Saun Ellis

**REVOLTING
BUT
TRUE
FACTS**



**FOR EVERY
LIVING PERSON
THERE ARE MORE THAN
200 MILLION
INSECTS!**



**A SLUG
HAS FOUR
NOSES!**

**SOME SHARKS
EAT THEIR BROTHERS
AND SISTERS WHILE
STILL IN THE WOMB!**



**THE AVERAGE CHILD GOES
THROUGH 6000 DISPOSABLE
DIAPERS BEFORE BEING
TOILET TRAINED!**

**PENGUINS
FEED THEIR YOUNG BY
VOMITING PARTIALLY
DIGESTED FOOD
INTO THEIR MOUTHS!**

**THE
LARGEST
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REPORTED WAS 3.81
INCHES IN LENGTH!**



The Whole Poop *A Brief History of Unusual Pets*

Pets are the royalty of the animal kingdom. For thousands of years, we've catered to their regal demands, in spite of the litter boxes, the chewed-up rug, and that stain on the sofa. Let's step back in time 70,000 dog years for a quick look at pets through the ages.

By Francesca Richer

c. 10,000 B.C., Northern Israel

An elderly human and a puppy are buried together, the person's left hand resting on the dog's shoulder. Unearthed in 1978, this domestic scene is the earliest solid evidence of pet keeping. *Talk about loyalty!*

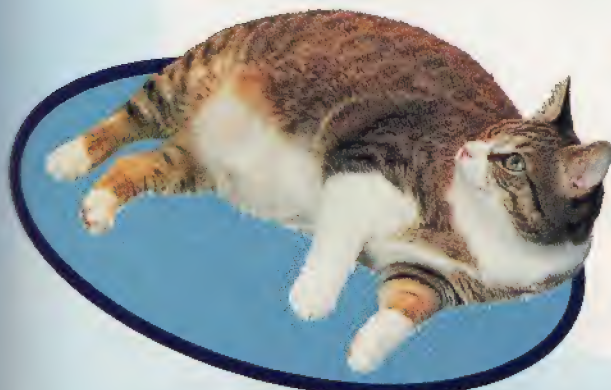


13th Century, France

King Henry III is a royal Fido-phile who is particularly fond of dwarf spaniels. He takes his dogs to council meetings and often carries one around in a basket hanging from his neck. *Doesn't that make it hard to eat soup?*

17th Century, Japan

Tokugawa Tsunayoshi, known as the Dog Shogun, passes a law that states that all dogs must be treated kindly and spoken to in only the most polite terms. *So please get your nose out of my crotch, most honorable dog-san.*



1st Century B.C., Rome

The moray eel is a popular pet. Crassus, one of the richest men in Caesar's Rome, feeds his by hand. He also puts earrings and jewels on it and cries when it dies. *Oh, Crassus, you shouldn't have! Especially since I don't have earlobes!*



17th and 18th Centuries, France

A canary fancier named Hervier de Chanteloup gives 'Canary Concerts' for high society during the reign of Louis XVI. As many as 100 birds take part. The canaries also dance the minuet. *"Polly wants a solo! Polly wants a solo!"*



20th Century, South America

According to *Smithsonian Magazine*, fashionable women wear large spiders, decorated with precious stones, as accessories. *Quick—someone call the ASPCA!*

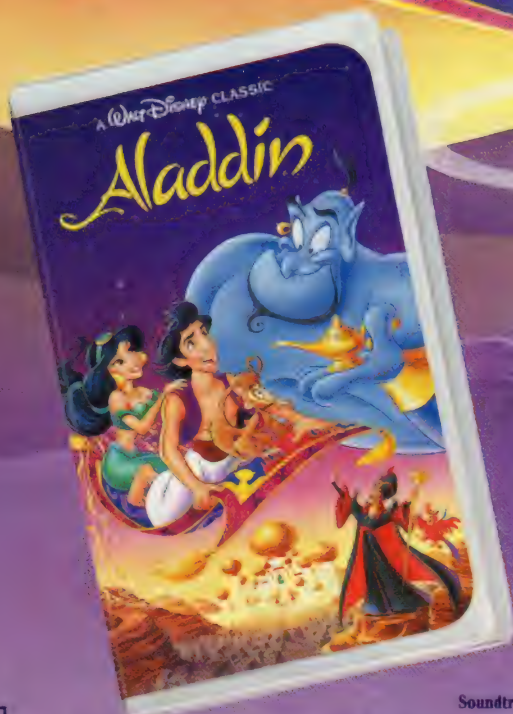
1978, United States

Mrs. Grace Alma Patterson of Joplin, Missouri, leaves her entire estate worth \$250,000, to her cat, Charlie Chan. *Sir, your solid-gold litter box has arrived.*



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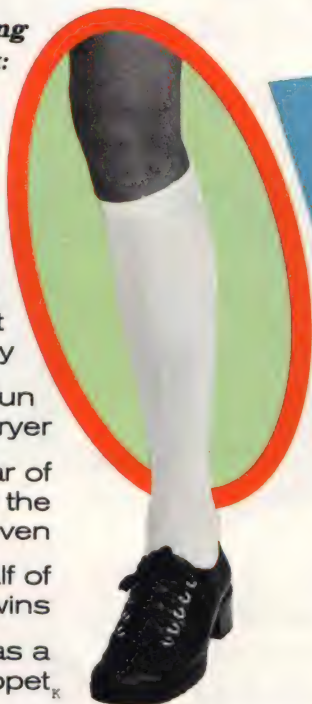
To Be or Not To Be

Would you rather be a knee sock or a toaster?

By Patty Marx

Advantages of Being a Knee Sock:

- Always get a good stretch
- No one yells at you when the toast burns
- So much taller than an anklet it's not even funny
- Get to go on fun rides in the dryer
- No fear of replacement by the toaster oven
- You're one-half of identical twins
- Second career as a hand puppet



Advantages of Being a Toaster:

- Two mouths and all the toast you can eat
- Frequent sponge baths
- Lots of energy
- Things are always popping up
- Good view of the counter
- Warm feeling inside
- Never get lost in the dryer
- Nobody darns you

I'd rather chew on the sock than eat the toast.



DEAR ALIEN



Although I'm not a person, I can give you great personal advice. That's because I know everything under, over, and inside the sun. So tell me what's bugging you, and I'll give you some down-to-Earth help.

Dear QZ:

I have a crush on somebody who barely knows I'm alive. I'm miserable. The thing is, I'm sure I will never love anyone else. What should I do?

Sincerely,

A Heartsick Earthling from Lodi, New Jersey

Dear Heartsick Earthling:

Congratulations. You are now a member of the largest club in your (or any other) galaxy. As soon as you forget this creature, there will be someone else. This is how it has been since the pre-dawn of time, on all planets, in every solar system. Here on Zlittz, it is impossible to lie, and we can't conceal our emotions. I remember my neuro-electro-calculus class in kindergarten and a creature named Lnylsslyn1. Whenever I was with her, 500 lilacs would sprout from my humongous cranium. But the feeling wasn't mutual. When she saw my bouquet of

passion, her skin became thousands of spiky thorns, and the odor of 500-year-old rotten eggs filled the atmosphere. I got the message and kept my distance.

I have been observing you. Your crush-object has barely noticed you're alive because when you're with him, you barely are alive. As long as you brood over this creeping, you will continue to suffer. I'm no great fan of this boy-child; he's what your Uncle Sid might call a "no-goodnik." You can do better. And when you have dragged this garbage-scraplet into the debris dump of your memory, there will be someone new around the corner. As earthling W.B. Yeats said, "Lift your tender eyelids and brood no more on love's bitter mystery."

Do you have a question for QZ? Write to: ASK QZ, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE, 1515 Broadway, 50th floor, New York, NY 10036. Sorry, but the space-time continuum prevents QZ from answering every letter.



How are Your

Manners?

Life is full of sticky situations. How do *you* deal with them? Take this quiz and find out.



A friend invites you over for dinner. Unfortunately, dinner is liver smothered in cream sauce, and a bowl of stewed turnips. You want to puke. What do you do?

- Suggest to the parents that they read the latest medical research, which shows that combining liver, cream, and turnips in the stomach produces powerful chemical explosives.
- Explain that the dish looks so gorgeous, you simply cannot eat it.
- Carefully load the food onto a slice of bread, as if you were making a sandwich. Then quietly slip the bread back into the bread basket and cover it with the other slices.

A relative sends you a birthday gift you don't like. What do you do?

- Save it and give it back to them on their birthday.
- Reseal the package, write "Deceased due to bad gifts," and send it back.
- Write a thank-you note saying, "This gift is so awful, it made me appreciate all the other things I got. Thank you."

A boring relative corners you at a family gathering and asks all the same questions he asked a year ago. What do you do?

- Change the subject by asking something about *him*, like, "How long has that hair been growing on your mole?"
- Pretend to start choking on an hors d'oeuvre, and politely excuse yourself.
- Ask if you can borrow some money.

Your friend's mother starts yelling at your friend in front of you. What do you do?

- Compliment your friend's mother, telling her how beautiful she looks when she's angry.
- Take the mother's side.
- Start laughing hysterically.

You're alone in your friend's living room and you accidentally break a valuable art object. What do you do?

- Tell everyone you examined the piece and discovered it was a fake. To save them the embarrassment of owning a forgery, you broke it.
- Apologize for the accident and offer to pay for the vase by cleaning their rain gutters for the rest of your life.
- Hide it and leave.

The editors must be charm-school dropouts.

—Rudy Gross

Scoring

MOSTLY A's Slickster: You are polite yet manipulative. You know what to say to squirm your way out of sticky situations. Not bad, not bad at all. Maybe you should go into politics.

MOSTLY B's Dudley Do-right: Aren't you sweet? Super polite, you always do everything right. You are a dream child.

MOSTLY C's Social Misfit: Where were you raised, in a barn? What happened to all the things your parents taught you?

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ZHIP! ZHIP! STOP TEASING ME!



PING! MAYBE I SHOULD CHANGE MY NAME TO SPIKE.



YECCCCCH! SAY IT, DON'T SPRAY IT.



SPLINK, SPLOING! JUST A LITTLE TO THE LEFT. NO, A LITTLE TO THE RIGHT. A LITTLE FINE 'TOONING.



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Do you think the hairdresser can make me look like Hobbes?



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Costume: Pink shirt, pink pants, pink shoes
You are: Bologna

Costume: Black shirt, black pants, black shoes
You are: A burnt marshmallow

Costume: Clothes on backwards
You are: Kris looking for Kross

Costume: Red shirt, white belt, green pants
You are: The Italian flag

Costume: Gray shirt, gray pants, gray shoes
You are: Smog

Costume: White pants, white shoes, white shirt with a hole in it
You are: A tooth with a cavity

Costume: Stamps on face
You are: An airmail letter

Costume: Cold water on nose
You are: A healthy dog

Costume: Branches in your hair
You are: A park

Costume: Sheet over your head
You are: A lump in the bed

Costume: Brown and black clothes with pieces of garbage glued to them
You are: A landfill (Go with a crowd of friends dressed as seagulls)

Costume: Shaving cream on shoulders and top of head
You are: A snow-capped mountain

Costume: Head wrapped in white pillowcase with dab of mustard on top
You are: A used cotton swab



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HOUSE OF RANDOM WORDS (Page 15)

The correct choice is C.

HOW YOU SPENT YOUR SUMMER (Page 12)

1-I, 2-F, 3-B, 4-C, 5-H, 6-E, 7-G, 8-D, 9-A

ANSWERS

I forgot the question.



EAT THE DOORKNOB (Page 48)

ANSWER:

Stimpy ate the doorknob. The rest of the foods were eaten in this order:

1. Breaded giblets (Stimpy)
2. Powdered toast (Ren)
3. Cat litter (Stimpy)
4. Crusted cereal (Ren)
5. Dried yams (Stimpy)
6. Jelly doughnuts (Ren)
7. Doorknob (Stimpy)
8. Glazed ham (Ren)

EXPLANATION:

Ren and Stimpy each got four delicious foods, and Stimpy won the doorknob! How do you know? You're told that Ren picked second, so he also picked fourth, sixth, and eighth. The doorknob was the seventh pick (clue #4), so Stimpy got it.

Here's how the rest of the game went: We know Ren picked second, and that the second pick was powdered toast, so the toast belonged to him (clues #2 and #8). The loser ate jelly

doughnuts, and we know Ren is the loser, so he got those. Since the ham is *not* picked before the doorknob (clue #7), Ren must have gotten it on the eighth pick. OK. So far, Ren has picked three foods. He gets four in all. So Stimpy must be the one who ate cat litter, breaded giblets, and dried yams (clue #1), because Ren gets only one more item. After Stimpy eats these items, he's all done, because he's eaten four foods. So the only item left, the crusted cereal, went to Ren.

And the order? Breaded giblets and powdered toast are first and second (clue #8). The doorknob is seventh, and the glazed ham is eighth (clues #4 and #7). We know dried yams and jelly doughnuts came *after* crusted cereal, and that cat litter came *before* crusted cereal, so when you fill it in the remaining spots, you come up with the list above.

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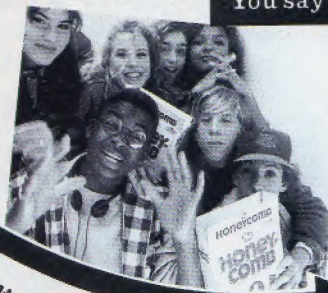


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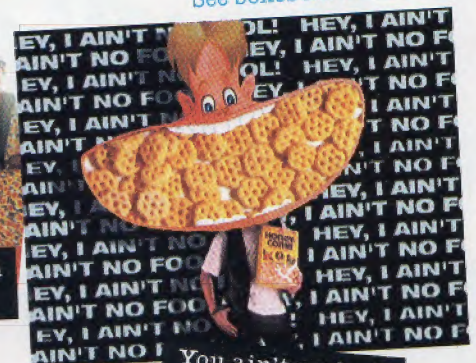
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Al Gore:
(b. 1948) Vice
president of the
United States

Urban Shocker:
(1890-1928) Baseball
Player, St. Louis Browns
and New York Yankees



**Alice
Ghastley:**
(b. 1926)
Actress, famous
as Esmerelda on
the TV series
Bewitched

Brothers Grimm:
(Jacob, 1785-1863; Wilhelm,
1786-1859) Fairy tale collectors

**David
Lynch:**
(b. 1946) Movie
and TV director

Enos Slaughter:
(b. 1916) Baseball Hall-of-
Famer, St. Louis Cardinals,
New York Yankees,
Kansas City Athletics, and
Milwaukee Braves

Linda Bloodworth-Thomason:
(b. 1947) TV producer and friend
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Peter Graves:
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WARI!

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SUCH A RUCKUS!

RUFF!

AIEEE!!

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HEY!
THAT TICKLES!

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ROWLF!?

THE FIRST OF A NOBLE NEW RACE WAS BORN -- A NEW LEADER, DESTINED TO RULE THE LAND IN PEACE AND HARMONY.

I HEREBY
DUB THEE PLOK
THE FIRST!

WHO, ME?

TO HIS DELIGHT, PENKINO SOON DISCOVERED THAT PLOK POSSESSED AMAZING POWERS.

HEY, CHECK
THIS OUT!

THIS IS, LIKE,
WAY COOL!

TO PLOK AND THE WIZARD, THE PEACE OF AKRILLIC SEEMED ASSURED. BUT LITTLE DID THEY KNOW THAT A GRAVE NEW THREAT WAS HATCHING. UNWITTINGLY, PENKINO HAD CREATED YET ANOTHER MUTATION WITH HIS MAGIC SPELL.

YOU SEE, HIS
DOG HAD FLEAS...!

A full-page photograph of a person standing in a field of pumpkins. The person is wearing a black beanie, a white hoodie, a plaid shirt, and dark pants. They are holding a cigarette in their mouth and have one arm raised high. The field is filled with green and yellowing pumpkin leaves and several large orange pumpkins. In the background, there is a white fence and a clear blue sky.

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